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India develops 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient seed varieties. PM Narendra Modi unveiled the seeds at three experimental agriculture plots at Delhi's Pusa Campus in the presence of farmers. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan said these seeds are climate-friendly and can bring good yield even in adverse weather. The government said the seeds are biofortified and will help combat malnutrition | P9

HINDENBURG: OPPN SEEKS JPC PROBE AGAINST SEBI CHIEF

Regulator: Buch disclosed her investments, recused to avoid conflicts of interest

PREETHA NAIR & BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ New Delhi / Mumbai

A day after US short-seller Hindenburg Research levelled allegations against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, the Opposition parties demanded a joint parliamentary committee probe against Buch and her resignation from the post.

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said the integrity of the market regulator, which is entrusted with safeguarding the wealth of small retail investors, has been compromised by the allegations against its chairperson. "Why hasn't Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch resigned yet? If investors lose their hard-earned money, who will be held accountable — PM Modi, the Sebi Chairperson, or Gautam Adani?" he said in a post on X.

In its report on Saturday night, the New York-based firm claimed that Buch and her husband had stakes in obscure offshore funds used in the alleged Adani money siphoning scandal. It alleged that Sebi had failed to take action against Adani group despite allegations of financial irregularities and market fraud. It also questioned Sebi's decision to issue a show-cause notice to Hindenburg in June, alleging violations of securities laws. The report further alleged that recent amendments to Reit Regulations, 2014 were made to benefit Blackstone, where Buch's husband Dhaval is a senior advisor.

Several other Opposition parties including TMC and AAP also demanded a probe. TMC MP Mahua Moitra asked if Buch had disclosed her ownership stakes to Sebi when she was a whole-time member. AAP MP Sanjay Singh said the SC should take note of the fresh allegations by Hindenburg.

Meanwhile, Sebi has urged investors to remain calm and do due diligence before reacting to the Hindenburg report. It also cautioned investors that the US short-seller might be holding short positions in the securities covered in the report.

On conflict of interest allegations, Sebi said: "We have adequate internal mechanisms for addressing issues relating to conflict of interest, which include disclosure framework and provision for recusal... Relevant disclosures required in terms of holdings of securities and their transfers have been made by the chairperson from time to time. The chairperson has also recused herself in matters involving potential conflicts of interest." P12

Flood threat as TB dam crest gate collapses

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Koppal/Hosapete

PANIC gripped areas along the downstream of Tungabhadra reservoir after one of its crest gates got detached and washed away into the river early on Sunday morning. A large amount of water is gushing out of the gaping hole between the dam structure and the present water level. The reservoir, also called the Pampa Sagar Dam, reached its capacity of 162 ft recently.

There are apprehensions that over 12 lakh hectares of farmlands in Ballari, Raichur, Koppal and Vijayanagara districts could be flooded.

A view of broken crest gate No 19 of the Tungabhadra dam in Munirabad of Koppal district | EXPRESS

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority cautioned people living along the banks of Krishna river to keep vigil.

Around 12.50 am on Sunday, the crest gate No 19 of the dam, which has 33 sluice gates, detached from the chain link and fell into the river. By evening, a total of 2 lakh-plus cusecs of water had gushed out of the reservoir.

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who is also the water resources minister, visited the site following the emergency.

He said two contractor firms have been approached to repair the damaged gate of the dam. "We have informed two experienced contractors about it and provided them with designs. Their team too visited the place in the night. They are also trying to restore the gate of the dam," he added.

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EXPRESS READ

Statement attributed to Hasina fake, says son

New Delhi: A day after a section of the media reported that former Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who fled the country amidst mass protests, blamed the US for the crisis that led to the fall of her government, her son Sajeeb Wazed clarified on Sunday that her mother has not issued any such statement. P9

28 dead as rain lashes North, Northwest

New Delhi: At least 28 people died in rain-related incidents Sunday as heavy downpours lashed North and Northwest India, causing landslides, traffic chaos and house collapses, as well as a dam breach which inundated several villages in Haryana. P10

In the end, India's campaign a case of glass half-full

THE lights are dimmed. The curtains are slowly drawing close. The show is over. Tales of valour, extraordinary human feats, moments of joy and ecstasy, losses and despair are slowly being stored in the leaves of Olympic history. Just like when a theatre gets over, the lights switch on in the hall, it's time for the audience to wake up to reality and discuss the acts each athlete played.

Paris soaked in the summer sun. There was a feeling of emptiness as the grandest sporting

India shooter Manu Bhaker (left) with her coach and other members of the contingent on Sunday | PTI

show on the planet ended on Sunday. USA and China are firmly perched on the top. Somewhere in the bottom half was India, 71 with one silver and five bronze. For a country that won seven medals in Tokyo 2020 in 2021 including a gold, this seemed a case of one step backward. If one adds the six fourth finishes and Vinesh Phogat's heartbreaking disqualification, then one can say it was just about alright. Nothing to celebrate except for the medallists.

The backdrop under which the athletes competed too should be considered. The Sports Authority of India said they had spent about ₹470 crore for the preparation of the athletes in the last Olympic cycle. There was no lack of support from SAI, national sports federations (NSFs) and some NGOs. Perhaps that prompted India badminton team coach Prakash Padukone to say that the athletes also should take some responsibility.

Indian Olympic Association president P T Usha, who had finished fourth at the 1984 Games, felt that we should think about the future. There are quite a few debutants (about more than half of the 117-strong contingent). She felt that the primary objective would be to save and protect them. "They are the future of our country and we need to preserve them," she said.

Chef de mission Gagan Narang, London Olympic bronze medallist, said that it was a creditable performance. "There are 21 players who medalled," he said alluding to the 16-member hockey team. He also felt that the athletes should be guided well. "Wrap them in cotton wool," he said.

The sports administrators right from SAI to NSFs must go into a huddle and find where they went wrong. They must find a solution to India's inability to reach the double-digit mark. Or else the six here will count for nothing. P13

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Nakshatra: Vishaka (Whole day) • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulika kala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 06.07 am
Sunset 06.42 pm
Moonrise 12.04 am
Moonset 11.45 pm

Commuters wait to board a bus at a rundown bus stop opposite Sri Radhakrishna theatre on CIL Road in RT Nagar on Sunday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Bas, stop this! Broken seats, fewer lights at bus shelters irk commuters

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

BUS stops in the city have become a source of frustration for commuters, who rue that they lack even basic amenities. 'Broken seats, damaged shelters, and the absence of lights' are common complaints, with many also miffed with the misuse of these spaces for auto rickshaw, cab and private vehicle parking, instead of serving BMTC commuters.

Commuters lament that in some areas, bus stops lack basic signage, making them hard to identify. While some stops do not even have shelters, others do have shelters that extend beyond the bus bay. Where shelters do exist, commuters say, bus stops often come with issues like damaged benches and dirty platforms, as seen at some stops near the RT Nagar police station and Jayamahal.

Chandra (65), a domestic help, said senior citizens like her prefer to sit while waiting for the bus at stops. However, the seats are often broken or dirty.

Rajkumar Duggar, founder of Citizen for Citizen (C4C), highlighted significant issues with local bus stands and pointed out that many of them lack proper lighting, and that the available space is often taken up by auto and cab drivers, exacerbating commuter problems.

In the evenings, apart from the usual street lights, there is no additional illumination, and no CCTV cameras are installed to monitor activities at these stops. Duggar mentioned that bus stands are typically busy areas, making it crucial to have surveillance to prevent incidents and ensure passenger safety. He further added that they are in regular contact with the BBMP regarding the installation of CCTV cameras and proper lighting, however, there seems to be little to no progress.

Another commuter noted that the placement, design, and orientation of bus stops often neglect public needs. The BBMP's focus tends to be on revenue generation, leading them to construct bus shelters in locations where they can maximise advertising opportunities, rather than prioritising public convenience.

A senior BBMP official, however, stated that they are actively addressing these issues. The official added that in some cases, property owners are reluctant to have bus shelters in front of their properties, fearing it may reduce their commercial value or negatively impact their business. The official also noted that bus shelters should be at least two feet in length, but people are often unwilling to allocate this space for public use.

19 BUILDINGS TO FACE BBMP BULLDOZERS

Builders violate plans by up to 100%, Palike calls for tender, finds out illegalities during probe in Mahadevapura

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) bulldozers that were sitting idle for over a year after the stormwater encroachment clearance drive came to a halt are likely to roar again as the Palike has invited a tender to remove unauthorised floors/tenements (flats) in apartments. As per documents, 19 such high-rise buildings are likely to face action.

The documents accessed by *The New Indian Express* show that the BBMP, during an investigation into illegal buildings in the Mahadevapura zone, found that builders have gone ahead and added additional floors despite notices issued to them.

In some cases, builders have deviated 100% from the approved plans.

"Out of 19 buildings, the tender notification to remove unauthorised floors and deviated portions for six buildings is happening for the second time. If no one participates in the tender, the executive engineer of the subdivision will decide whether the Palike should initiate action on its own or again invite tenders," said Shwetha, Assistant Executive Engineer, KR Puram Subdivision.

BBMP officials said builders show G+3 with four tenements in the plan, but end up adding five to six floors with over 35 tenements.

"An example is that of Sai Supriya Ventures - Happy Nest on 1st Cross Yamuna-Krishna Road of Sai Serenity Layout in Basavanapura ward. It has 48 tenaments in six-and-a-half floors, as against the approved plan of 30 tenaments of 1 BHK and ground-plus three floors. There is also no required setback, car parking, etc," a BBMP engineer said.

A demolition order has also been issued against Building Number 9/2 'Dhruv Homes' by SLN Constructions in the same layout as five floors have been added, while the permission was given for G+3. The owners had shown four tenaments in the plan, but now have 25 tenements, he added.

"A demolition order has been passed against Skyrah Lake View Apartment - 1 on Krishna-Yamuna Road. The permission was given for ground-plus three floors with four tenements, but the builder has put up six floors with 25 tenements, without the required setback and car parking," said the BBMP engineer.

Sources said violations by builders are because of the failure of the assistant director of town planning and also ward engineers. "The officials just give approvals/notices and remain silent. They should have stopped and also complained to police and seized equipment," sources stressed.

Properties at Sai Serenity Layout listed for demolition by BBMP for violations

SHADES OF FREEDOM

A woman arranges Tricolours for sale near Vidhana Soudha, ahead of Independence Day, on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

19 STARTUPS SECURE ₹15 CR FOR INNOVATIVE BIOTECH SOLUTIONS

BENGALURU: A total of 19 startups and five student innovators were announced as winners of the C-CAMP National Bio Entrepreneurship Competition (NBEC) 2024 – a launchpad for science-driven ideas to address challenges in healthcare, agriculture and the environment. The grand finale was held here, with the overall competition attracting over 3,300 applications from 33 states and Union Territories, out of which around 400 were from Karnataka alone. The winning startups received Rs 15 crore in cash prizes and investment opportunities, while student-led teams secured Rs 5 lakh in cash prizes. Selected winners will also receive mentorship through partnerships with key industry leaders. IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said the state contributes nearly a fifth of India's bioeconomy, and initiatives like NBEC have successfully identified and nurtured the talent pool. "The government is committed to accelerating the biotech sector and supporting biotech startups. C-CAMP (Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms) has been at the heart of Bengaluru's bio-entrepreneurship ecosystem, supporting and nurturing young entrepreneurs to innovate, incubate, and drive change," he said. **ENS**

'GREAT INSULT'

Parents' panel against teachers observing 'black day' stir on I-Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Private School College Parent Association Coordination Committee has objected and criticised the private schools observing a 'black day' in the state on Independence Day to revolt against the alleged corruption in government education departments. The parents' committee in a statement said the schools should not spoil the sanctity of the special day and instead support it with full vigour.

"We have no objections with holding a meeting with Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa to get the governing body to hear and fulfil the demands of unaided schools," read the letter.

The parents' committee elaborated that children need to understand the importance of freedom and give respect to all those who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

"Schools should focus on educating the children about the Freedom Struggle, using the day to mark their protest is a great insult to our freedom fighters and their effort," said BN Yogananda, president of the Karnataka Private School College Parent Association Coordination Committee .

Guidelines to schools

Further, the parents' coordination committee has demanded that the government immediately issue guidelines to schools in this regard and file complaints of sedition against any schools that violate the set norms.

The Karnataka Private School Managements, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Coordination Committee (KPMTCC) on August 6 announced that the heads of the educational institutions and teachers will wear a black band and observe the black day on August 15. The committee had said it is difficult to run unaided educational institutions in Karnataka, alleging that there is no freedom to provide quality education.

After 7 yrs, Bengaluru's Palike Bazaar to open by month-end

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER seven long years, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) air-conditioned 'Palike Bazaar', built underground on the lines of New Delhi's 'Palika Bazaar', will be inaugurated by August-end, BBMP officials said. The construction work for the market began in December 2017. It will have 79 shops.

A BBMP contractor, involved in the project, told TNIE, "The work is in the final stages of completion. It will be done in just a few days. We are gearing up to inaugurate the bazaar, a first of its kind in Bengaluru."

Sensor-controlled doors

The market will have sensor-controlled doors and two entries and will have escalators and lifts for the easy entry and exit of visitors. "The majority of the work has been completed. Just the final touches have to be given and we are hopeful of completing it and opening the bazaar by the month-end," he said. The market is 100 metres in length and 11 metres in breadth with shops on either side.

The Palike Bazar near the Vijayanagar Metro Station | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Vijaynagar MLA Krishnappa and others are expected to inaugurate the bazaar.

But there is no clarity on how the 79 shops will be allocated as vendors in the area were evicted for the construction of the bazaar.

Photos and videos of the yet-to-be-opened bazaar are doing the rounds on social media and this has also triggered a debate on the fate of the vendors. As the bazaar is underground, some netizens have already started raising concerns over the fate of the market during heavy rain as Bengaluru gets flooded often.

EXPRESS READ

BBMP gravediggers, crematorium staffers pledge a month's pay for Wayanad victims

BENGALURU: In response to the devastating landlside in the Wayanad district of Kerala, BBMP's gravediggers and electric crematorium workers, under the aegis of Dr BR Ambedkar Rudrabhoomi and Vidyut Chitagara Naukarara Sangha, pledged to donate their one-month salary to aid relief efforts. The initiative, led by the Prabuddha Dr BR Ambedkar Rudrabhoomi and Vidyut Chitagara Employees Association, aims to provide financial support to the affected families in the region. State vice-president Chandra MD said the funds will be channelled through the Kerala Chief Minister's Relief Fund through the Chief Commissioner of BBMP.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12TH August : The current Pluto alignments are fantastic for people who are losing themselves in their imaginations, less good for individuals with practical tasks to perform. My advice is to take everything important one step at a time and only go on to the next stage after a thorough check - and a double-check!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There could be an air of expectation all week, largely due to your lunar alignments. This generates a sense that while life is good, you never know what is around the next corner. Quite right, too. And that's why you must be on your guard. You're also in quite an inventive frame of mind, by the way, so look for imaginative solutions to old problems.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon's pos ition has to be watched for most daily ups and downs, and today's patterns are curi-ous ones. It's as if the mood of the times suits you but the circumstances might not. So, if you feel slightly short-changed, it could be because you're not making the most of a mixed day. You can always just pause for breath and wait till you catch up with yourself.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There's an increasing sense of tension, perhaps passion. But are you comfortable with this? I suspect not. Not that is, unless you devote yourself to worthy causes and selfless duties. The down-side is that you could expose yourself to exploita-tion so, rather than become a doormat, why not pick and choose the people you're prepared to help?

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're such a sensitive soul that it's always pleasant when you think that you're getting the support you feel you need. Which means that people you love are on your side for a change - which is not always the way that it seems! You're still keeping some of your plans to yourself - and why not?

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may be in a strange state, quite happy to say what you think on the one hand, but not to reveal your true feelings on the other. Perhaps you're right. Perhaps you're not confident enough in your emotions to be able to talk about them yet. And, if that's the case, all you can do is wait until the time and place - and the people - are right.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There is a great deal to be said for standing your ground. But, I'm not sure if it's enough. There's an old eastern proverb that the branch which bends in the wind stays on the tree. That's away of saying that, in a week of change, complete flexibility is probably your best option.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The surface may be calm, but in the astrological universe there's a great deal bubbling underneath - and it's all about to burst through. In straight, practical terms, your energy is soon to increase, but you'll also be growing more impatient and eager to push your plans into effect - at any cost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If we look over the next week, then it seems that the changes you experience will be indirect, by which I mean that they could come via other people, or in ways you didn't expect. In either case, the next month could be a time of mystery. The truth could lie in your intuition and imagination - tempered with real facts, of course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There's a time to move - and a time to stand still. And this, I'd say, is a time to stand still. As is tomorrow and the day after. Yet by the end of the week you'll be moving fast. That is the planetary prognosis. Now all you have to do is arrange your daily diary to fit in with the celestial formations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Partners are in a generally supp-ortive frame of mind. But then that's only as much as you'd expect. But it is a situation you can encourage by praising, bo - osting, flat tering and help -ing them. In other words, don't wait for them to come to you; it's you who has to make the first move. Look-ing ahead, your prof essio-nal stars are about to expose new, untested ambitions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You could be taking on fresh responsibilities, mainly emotional ones. Even at work a new task could have a sense of personal, almost parental, commitment about it. There's also a vague spot of financial confusion around, but you'll be tempted to give money to worthwhile causes - and that can only do you good.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The heavens are in a creative state. What I really mean by this is that you are in a position to develop and express your unique gifts, whatever they are. Much of your energy will be directed towards personal engagements, romantic connections and relationships with younger people and youthful family members.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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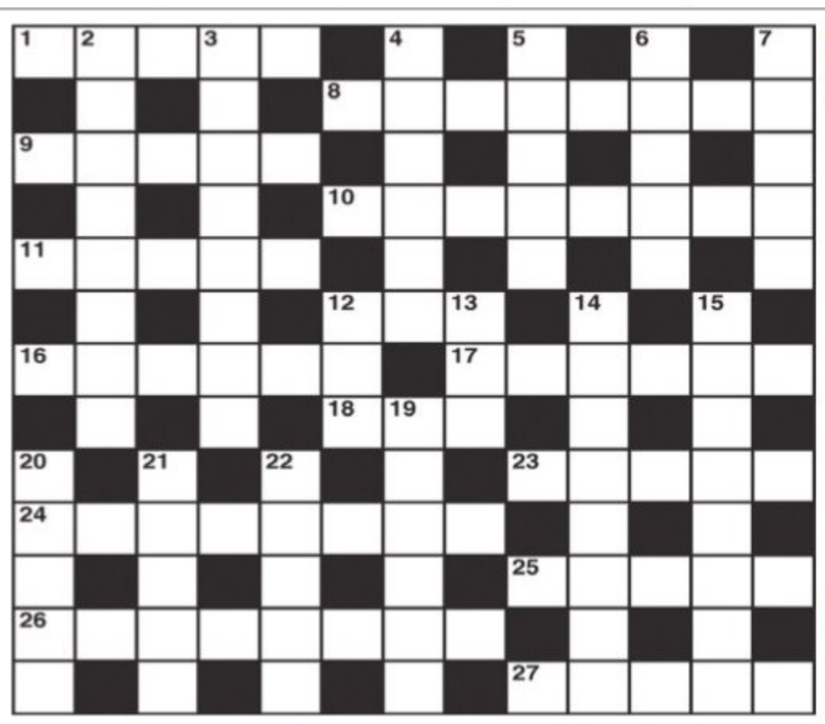

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 One who makes arrangements fast? (5)
8 Things people write (8)
9 Colourless article about a woman (5)
10 For those taking a bow it means gold (5-3)
11 Fine hotel has a good name in Germany (5)
12 Fuss caused by commercial ring (3)
16 Give an account of prices to the general public (6)
17 For each young lad there is somebody (6)
18 The part that sank in (3)
23 Run on to the sands (5)
24 A course for non-drivers (8)
25 Agreed apparently to make amends (5)
26 Love of the past (3,5)
27 A somewhat predictable order (5)

DOWN
2 Introduced the new resident (8)
3 Net value in its final form (8)
4 A cycle is available (6)
5 Return to surrender (5)
6 This cat is said to be a stray (5)
7 Piece of land apparently not untenanted (5)
12 A pound put on for service (3)
13 Choose a new top (3)
14 One tried desperately to have found one's place (8)
15 Inclined to blow one's top? (8)
19 Eventually observing the correct rhythm (2,4)
20 Going on twelve inches (5)
21 Believes they're used for cargo (5)
22 Run out for a lighter (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Better half, 6 Asti, 10 Flair, 11 Ring a bell, 12 Headline, 13 Ample, 15 Earldom, 17 Trivial, 19 Elevens, 21 Glisten, 22 Noted, 24 Teenager, 27 Nocturnal, 28 Ideal, 29 Wits, 30 Scent spray.

Down: 1 Buff, 2 To a degree, 3 Erred, 4 Heroism, 5 Lenient, 7 Sleep, 8 Ill feeling, 9 Hara-kiri, 14 Here and now, 16 Dreadful, 18 In the rear, 20 Satanic, 21 Gremlin, 23 Tacit, 25 Alias, 26 Play.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

LUPTI

VEWAE

GILNEJ

PANNIK

Is there a larger aircraft?
Look at it! Can you imagine a bigger one?
Wow!
WHEN THE PROTOTYPE BOEING 747 WAS FIRST DISPLAYED TO THE PUBLIC, IT WAS ---
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" "

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: KNOCK GUIDE ZIPPER GROUCH
Answer: After spending money on an advertising campaign, the limo company's business was — PICKING UP

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Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

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Sri D K Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Department of Health and Family Welfare
Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society

International Youth Day-2024

Theme
Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development

Launch of Intensified IEC Campaign for HIV Free Karnataka

Date : 12-08-2024, 11:00 am
Place : Arogya Soudha Auditorium, Ground Floor, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560 023

Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Dinesh Gundurao addressing during HIV campaign

If you are in doubt get tested for HIV at nearest ICTC

Every HIV infected has a right to live

Stop stigma and discrimination

Complaints related to HIV/ AIDS discrimination should be reported immediately at
Email: ombudsman.hiv@karnataka.gov.in

Routes of HIV Transmission

Unprotected sexual contact with an infected partner

Vertical transmission (from mother to Child) in utero during delivery, through breast milk

Infected blood/ blood products / IV drug use

Objectives of the campaign

- Raising awareness of HIV and STI transmission among the general public.
- Promote safe sexual practices and ensure access to HIV and Syphilis services
- Reduce stigma and discrimination

HIV infection is not transmitted by

Sharing toilet

Sharing Food

Sharing Clothes

Insect bite

Shaking hands

All Pregnant women should be tested for HIV and Syphilis in their first trimester to protect their unborn child from HIV and Syphilis infection.

ART Treatment is Free, please visit nearest Government Hospital ART Centers if found HIV Positive

To develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform - is the Fundamental duty of every citizen of India, enshriend in our constitution ....

If any Myths and misconceptions on HIV/AIDS Call National toll free Helpline No. AIDS Helpline 1097

Download the NACO AIDS app GET IT ON Google Play https://kspc.karnataka.gov.in KarSAPS Your Health, Our Responsibility

With the Opposition calling for the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority and Valmiki corporation scams, Congress workers and followers of the CM have decided to celebrate their leader's birthday on a grand scale on Monday. The chief minister will turn 75

TRANSFERS, STRESS PART OF A COP'S LIFE

The blame for deaths of policemen, both natural and by suicide, laid at doorstep of politicians

PRAVEEN KUMAR & RISHITA KHANNA

THE death of police sub-inspector Parashuram in Yadgir has sparked a political uproar, with opposition party leaders claiming that cash and caste play a key role in police transfers in the state. The untimely death of the officer also points out that he was unable to handle the stress he was subjected to, allegedly by the MLA and his son, who were demanding money for him to continue in the same post.

A day later, 53-year-old police inspector, Thimmegowda, attached to Central Crime Branch in Bengaluru, died by suicide, which was suspected to be due to stress at the workplace.

The two incidents hint at two important things -- political interference in police transfers despite the existence of the Police Establishment Board (PEB), set up with the sole purpose of bringing in transparency in police transfers and nullifying political interference, and the high stress levels faced by men in khaki.

CASH FOR TRANSFERS

It is an open secret that politicians meddle with the transfer of government officials, more so in the police department. While Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara states that transfers never happen based on money or caste, former additional director general of police and Bengaluru police commissioner Bhaskar Rao says that cash for transfers or postings is the order of the day, and is worse than cancer.

"Posting without money is an exception. Unfortunately, even for non-executive postings, officers have to pay. Even when I was serving as police commissioner in Bengaluru, cash for transfers was prevalent. Bengaluru city is highly sought after, and when an officer gets a post by paying cash, he has to get his money back through daily collections. The responsibility is given to constables by setting them a target," the former ADGP told *TNIE*.

This, according to him, causes very high levels of stress among those who have paid for postings. "The officer has to first collect the money which he has paid for the posting, and then collect money for his next posting."

Noting that there are honest officers too, who are ready to serve wherever they are posted, Rao reveals that illegal dance bars, gambling dens, illegal parking, 'fixing' people in wrong cases, and the sand mafia are regular sources of 'mamool' for the police department.

COPS GO TO POLITICIANS

Retired Superintendent of Police SK Umesh, however, has a different point of view.

"No politician approaches a police officer to help in any transfer. It is officers who go to the doorstep of politicians, seeking transfers. Seizing the opportunity, politicians demand cash. The very concept of 'minute' (recommendation letters), which started when Ramakrishna Hedge was chief minister, is being totally misused. Minutes are supposed to be given to the public in case they face any problem at the government level. But now MLAs issue minutes to police officers, recommending their posting and stating that it is being done in the interest of the public in their constituency."

The retired cop says the very purpose of the PEB is defeated by the interference of politicians in police transfers. "Posting to any lucrative police station is definitely not done on merit. It is either a transfer for money or the officer must be very influential," Umesh firmly believes.

Umesh says that stress is part and parcel of the life of a police officer. "If the officer is unable to cope with stress, he should go to non-executive postings where there is no stress. At the time of applying for a police job, the person should think of all this. A police officer's job is most stressful as there are no fixed working hours and weekly holidays. In order to combat stress, policemen must be mentally healthy and this is possible only if they take time out for physical exercise," Umesh stressed.

STRESS FACTORS

A police constable serving in a police station in Bengaluru says the lack of fixed weekly offs and difficulty availing leave are major contributors to stress levels. "Though there are directions that weekly offs should be given, it doesn't happen on the ground as our work depends on daily developments -- be it a crime, law and order situation, visit of a VVIP or festival bandobust duty. While the work itself is stressful, no leave or weekly offs and extended working hours add to the stress as we seldom get time to spend with our family," he says.

Substantiating this, health experts opine that continuous and unmanaged stress may lead to thoughts of self-harm, including suicidal tendencies in some people.

Dr Virupaksha HS, Consultant – Psychiatry, Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, said, "In today's fast-paced world, the pressures of work and personal responsibilities can lead to significant stress, which in turn impacts both mental and physical health. Constant demands, tight deadlines and high expectations at work lead to work-life imbalance. This chronic stress affects the body and mind in profound ways."

"Sometimes this can also lead to major psychiatric disorders like mood disorders and psychosis, and some may have thoughts of self-harm, and are a suicide risk. The constant state of worry and anxiety can lead to burnout, characterized by emotional exhaustion, reduced performance and detachment from work," he added.

DEATHS OF POLICE OFFICERS

AUG 2024
Parashuram, police sub-inspector, suspected heart attack

Thimmegowda, police inspector, suicide

OCT 2022
HL Nandeesha, police inspector, heart attack

DEC 2020
V Lakshmi, DySP, suicide

JULY 2016
Kallappa Handibag, DySP, suicide

OCT 2016
Yellappa Handibag (brother of Kallappa Handibag), constable, suicide

OCT 2022
Former minister MTB Nagaraj had also made references to cash for transfers, following the death of 42-year-old police inspector Nandeesha due to a heart attack, after he was suspended for failing to keep vigil on a bar that had violated the permissible timings

No plans to revive VISL, clarifies steel ministry

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

EVEN after the promise by Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy to revive the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISL) in Bhadravathi during his visit on June 30, the Union Ministry of Steel clarified in the Lok Sabha on July 30 that there were no plans to revive the state-owned plant and that it has already been decided to close the plant.

Shivamogga MP B Y Raghavendra had asked the ministry whether the government plans to revive the steel plant, and if so, to give the details, and if not, the reasons for it. He also sought to know whether the Steel Authority of India proposes to resume production activities and if so, the details thereof.

In reply to the unstarred question asked by Raghavendra, Union Minister of State for Steel Bhupapathiraju Srinivasa Varma stated that the government accorded 'in-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment of VISL in October 2016. Subsequently, due to inability expressed by the shortlisted bidders to participate further in the transaction for strategic disinvestment, the competent authority had approved annulment of the expression of interest (EOI) for disinvestment. The authority has directed the initiation of the process for closure of VISL, as communicated by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) on October 14, 2022, which was conveyed to SAIL on October 31, 2022.

The Ministry of Steel also stated that at present there are 245 regular employees on the VISL roll. Various finishing facilities such as mills and forge shop are in operation, and with the semi-finished steel supplied by sister plants/units of SAIL as per requirement, VISL produced 13,000 tonnes of saleable steel in 2023-24.

HDK visit

MP B Y Raghavendra brought Kumaraswamy to VISL, reviving hope for the revival of the steel plant.

Raghavendra, who faced a backlash from the Congress after the Centre decided to close VISL, promised to ensure revival of the plant after his re-election as MP for the fourth time. He also brought Kumaraswamy to VISL, reviving hope for the revival of the steel plant. Kumaraswamy had also promised to initiate steps to revive the plant.

Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy and MP B Y Raghavendra during their visit to VISL in Bhadravathi on June 30 | EXPRESS

BACK TO ROOTS

Union minister HD Kumaraswamy sows paddy saplings with farmers at Seethapura village in Mandya district on Sunday | EXPRESS

Siddu unlikely to step down, on stronger footing after rally

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE BJP-JDS onslaught seems to have only made Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stronger at the Congress high command level, and he is likely to continue in his post, regardless of the action taken by Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot.

At a Janandolana meeting held at Mysuru on Friday, the CM's cabinet colleagues threw their weight behind him, giving an indication of their mood. After the Janandolana, the tone and tenor of the Congress party's rank and file, which was on a weak footing over the CM's post, has changed, say sources. Those who were expecting a change have started backing Siddaramaiah to the hilt, they added.

Ahead of the Janandolana rally, AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala had arrived in the state capital to send a clear message that the high command would stand by Siddaramaiah. They asserted that there was no material in the allegation that Siddaramaiah had got MUDA to illegally allot 14 sites to his wife Parvathi. According to well-placed sources, Siddaramaiah's son and former Varuna MLA Dr Yathindra had played a key role in convincing the high command leaders over the issue.

"The council of ministers passed a resolution in his absence against the governor issuing show-cause notice to him, which itself was testimony to the high command being firmly with him. Even if the governor gives sanction to prosecute Siddaramaiah and an FIR is filed against him, he is unlikely to step down. He has moral support from the high command, and his cabinet colleagues are saying they will fight it out legally," observed a senior Congress leader. AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge's supporters, too, are convinced that he doesn't want to disturb Siddaramaiah in this crisis, a source informed.

According to political analysts, the Congress leadership realised that removing a 'mass leader' like Siddaramaiah unceremoniously will backfire. They learnt this from the BJP, which had got another mass leader, BS Yediyurappa, to step down in disgrace. "It is because of Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy and BJP high command that state leaders too were forced to attack Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case, which is not a fit case. In fact, the denotification of Arkavathy Layout was a fit case but the opposition did not strike at the right time," observed a BJP leader.

At the valedictory of the BJP-JDS padayatra in Mysuru, Kumaraswamy had raised the issue and asked Siddaramaiah why he had not tabled the Justice Kempanna Commission's report on the denotification case.

Leaders of anti-BSY-BYV camp plan own rally for powerplay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

IN the wake of the BJP's Mysuru padayatra, which was held to highlight the role of Chief minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA scam, an anti-Yediyurappa and Vijayendra faction of at least 12 BJP leaders decided to launch a padayatra from Kudala Sangam to Ballari to corner the Congress government in the Valmiki corporation scam.

The BJP leaders, who conducted a secret meeting on the outskirts of Belagavi on Sunday, are against the leadership of BY Vijayendra in the state BJP. Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, Kumar Bangarappa, former minister Aravind Limbavali, former MPs Pratap Simha, Annasaheb Jolle, GM Siddeshwar, BP Harish and NR Santosh participated in the meeting.

Yatnal discussed starting the padayatra to condemn the scam of Rs 187 crore in Valmiki corporation by seeking permission from the BJP high command.

However, the rally to condemn Valmiki corporation scam is said to be just a reason, but the intention is to show off the powers of the anti-Yediyurappa faction.

Some BJP leaders who were identified in the camp of Yediyurappa are now standing against him. The meeting is said to have discussed making a complaint about BJP state president BY Vijayendra with the high command.

It is also said that the leaders discussed that the Mysuru padayatra was systematically planned by Vijayendra to remove Siddaramaiah from power and create an opportunity for Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar attain the CM's post.

The rally planned by the rebel BJP leaders in North Karnataka is said to be organised to give out a message to the high command about the adjustment politics being made by Vijayendra.

It is said that the meeting, which lasted for nearly four hours in a hotel along the Belagavi and Goa border, decided to conduct the padayatra from September 17. The rebel leaders also discussed inviting the party national leaders to Karnataka to prepare the plans for the padayatra and conduct another round of meeting in Bengaluru soon.

Speaking to media persons after the meeting, former minister Aravind Limbavali said it is not a meeting of BJP rebel leaders or disgruntled MLAs. The meeting was casual and discussions included various issues such as setback to the party in the recent Assembly and Lok Sabha elections and organising the BJP, he said.

BJP leaders, who are against state BJP chief BY Vijayendra, attend a meeting on the outskirts of Belagavi on Sunday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

MINISTER ORDERS RECOVERY OF 599 ACRES AT JALAHALLI

The forest land worth Rs 10,000 crore, was given to HMT company

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FOREST, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Sunday issued orders to the forest department to reclaim 599 acres of forest land worth Rs 10,000 crore given to HMT in Peenya, Jalahalli.

The minister instructed forest officials and the additional chief secretary to take back the land in Jalahalli Plantations survey numbers 1 and 2. Khandre pointed out that the land was gifted to the forest department by the Mysuru maharajas.

The notification of the land was published in the gazette on June 11, 1896. However, then district collector Hanuman, through a deed of donation and without any change in documents, transferred the land to HMT. The company kept 281 acres vacant and leased out the remaining land in small parcels, Khandre said.

During a recent field assessment, the forest officials noted the land in possession of HMT and verified the changes in reference to their records. The matter was then brought to the notice of the minister, who issued immediate orders to recover the vacant land and take due legal procedure to get back the remaining at the earliest.

Khandre also pulled up officials for not taking action to recover the land earlier. Directions to recover the land have been issued under Section 64(A) of the Forest Protection Act, he said and pointed out that there was no provision in the forest rules and act to gift forest land. There are also no orders or documents in government records to show that the said land was gifted or handed over to HMT, the minister said.

Referring to the Godavarman vs Govt of India case and the orders passed by the Supreme Court, Khandre said all forest land parcels that was given to HMT and further divided and given to other government and private organisations will be recovered back.

There are no orders or documents in government records to show that the said land was gifted or handed over to HMT. There was no provision in the forest rules and act to gift forest land.

Eshwar Khandre, Forest Minister

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Hundreds of students participate in the 157th State Level Abacus Competition,--Brainobrainfest 2024, in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJ GADEKAL

Man molests nursing student, arrested

BENGALURU: A 28-year-old man has been arrested by the Soladevanahalli police for allegedly molesting a nursing student, who was walking on the footpath on July 30. The accused has been identified as Basavaraj, resident of Maruthi Nagar in Chikkabanavara and hailing from Kalaburagi. He had been working at a medical store in Nelamangala. The police stated that the incident happened on July 30 at 9 pm, when a 21-year-old college student was walking alone on a footpath. Basavaraj allegedly accosted her, before kissing and hugging her and fleeing the scene. After the woman filed a complaint, the police analyzed the CCTV footage and arrested him. He was booked under the multiple sections of BNS act, and the court has remanded him in judicial custody.

Vehicle collision leaves three dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A COLLISION between a minivan and a concrete mixer vehicle led to the death of three men, including a 55-year-old pedestrian, leaving three others injured. The incident occurred in Kuluvanahalli in Nelamangala on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru National Highway on Sunday evening. The road accident caused a heavy traffic jam on the busy road.

The deceased have been identified as construction workers Sharanappa (35) and Hussainappa (34), both hailing from Yadgiri, who were traveling in the minivan, and Shivagangappa (55), a security guard hailing from Tumakuru. The injured have been identified as Bangarappa, Kattappa and Suman, who are undergoing treatment for severe injuries.

The police stated that at 4 pm, the concrete mixer vehicle entered the main road from the service road and hit the minivan, which was heading towards Bengaluru, carrying around nine passengers. Due to the impact, the minivan rammed and knocked down the pedestrian, Shivaganappa, who died on the spot. The injured passengers were rushed to a nearby hospital, where Sharanappa and Hussainappa were declared brought dead. Three others were severely injured, while the drivers escaped with minor injuries.

The Nelamangala traffic police have booked cases against both drivers.

PRO-HINDU OUTFIT CONDEMNS ATTACKS ON HINDUS

BENGALURU: Members of the Hindu Rashtra Samanvaya Samithi (HRSS) and other organisations staged a protest at Freedom Park on Sunday, condemning the attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh and urging the government to respond swiftly to protect the Hindu minority. Over hundreds of protesters including children raised slogans and displayed placards. Speaking at the event, S Bhavya Gowda, a member of the HRSS, said that elderly Hindus, women, and children are the major victims of these attacks. She lamented that while the world, including the UN, discusses over the attacks on Palestines in Gaza, the attack on Hindu minorities in Bangladesh goes unnoticed. She urged the Government of India to take swift action and hold talks with Bangladesh military to ensure the safety of the Hindus. The agitators also urged that the issue be raised in the UN.

Official reviews Hospital Mgt Info System

ENS @ Bengaluru

HARSH Gupta, Principal Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department, reviewed the pilot project of the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) at three healthcare facilities, including KC General Hospital and Victoria Hospital on Sunday. The system, developed by private companies and certified by the National Health Authority (NHA) to be ABHA compliant, has been in operation for almost a year.

Gupta mentioned that the hospital staff were satisfied with the software, however, they suggested that diagnostic reports, blood investigation results, and prescriptions should be sent to the patients via WhatsApp.

Starting next week, the department aims to introduce this feature. The next step involves finalizing plans to expand the HMIS to all hospitals across the state.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients **SRI. UMESH.B.R**, S/o Sri. Ramu.N, Aged about 51 Years, residing at # 74, 6th Main, 17th Cross, Opp. To Muralidhar Rao Clinic, Malleshwaram, BANGALORE-560055 and **SMT.C.S. MANJULA**, W/o Sri.Umesh B.R, Aged about 48 Years, Residing at # 70, 2nd Cross, Pillama Block, Sriramapuram, Bangalore-560 021, decided to purchase the schedule property jointly a **Residential House bearing number 29, (Old No.12), presently No.12**, near Siddha-Ashrama, Ranganathapuram, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003, measuring **East to West 50 Feet and North to South 40 Feet** from its joint owners **1.SRI.G.R.NAGARAJ**, S/o G.Rathanaiah Setty, aged about 65 Years, Residing at # 12, 18th Cross, Ranganathapuram, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003, **2. SRI. G.R. ASHOK KUMAR**, S/o G.Rathanaiah Setty, Aged about 62 Years, Residing at # 18-202, Radha Krishna Nivas, 4th Temple Street, 15th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003, **3. SRI.G.R.NARAYAN MURTHY**, S/o G.Rathanaiah Setty, Aged about 63 Years, Residing at # 15 T-3 Vignesh Apartments, 1st Temple Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003, they have agreed to sell in favour of my clients and my clients have paid advance amount to the vendors. If Any person/s deals with the Schedule Property, without my knowledge with the above said persons, I am not held responsible for pro and consequences of the same in eye of law. If any person/s have any objection/s for any clarification contact the under signed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Residential House bearing number 29, (Old No.12), presently No.12**, near Siddha-Ashrama, Ranganathapuram, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003, measuring **East to West 50 Feet and North to South 40 Feet** with Three independent Kutcha Residential portions with common passages, over all 2000 Square Feet, with in the limits of **BBMP, PID No:5-23-12**, and bounded on: **East by:** Residential Road, **West by:** Conservancy Lane, **North by :** Maistry Shamanna House and **South by :** Narasappa House.

Dated this 12th August 2024

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NOTICE

1. Petition for truing up of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 and determination of transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff block for **Petition-1:** System Strengthening-VI in Southern Region, **Petition-2:** Transmission System for Connectivity for NCC Power Projects Ltd in Southern Region & **Petition-3:** Transmission System for connectivity of Thermal Powertech Corporation India Ltd in the Southern Region
2. The beneficiaries of the above-mentioned Transmission system are: (a) TANGEDCO (b) TSNPDCL (c) KSEB (d) TSSPDCL (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) CESC (j) MESCOM (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM & (n) APCPDCL (o) SGPL(Erstwhile NCC Power Projects Ltd) (For petition -2 only) & (p) SEPL(Erstwhile TPCIL) (For petition -3 only)
3. Tariff details:

a) 2019-24 block — Rs. In lakhs

Petition no	Asset detail	DOCO/ ECOD	Completion Cost as on 31.03.2024		2019 -20	2020 -21	2021 -22	2022 -23	2023 -24
Petition-1	Combined Asset	01.04.2008	9743.46	Revised AFC based on truing up	1426.97	1,009 .73	1,004 .51	1,000 .78	996 .16
Petition-2	Combined Asset	22.03.2016	13382.49	Revised AFC based on truing up	2175.72	2,102 .43	2,044 .42	2,000 .09	1,95 8.79
Petition-3	Combined Asset	01.09.2013	8728.09	Revised AFC based on truing up	1,380 .17	1,331 .33	1,293 .27	1,262 .39	1,23 1.83

b) 2024-29 Block — Rs. In lakhs

Petition no	Asset detail	Completion Cost as on 31.03.2029		2024 -25	2025 -26	2026 -27	2027 -28	2028 -29
Petition-1	Combined Asset	9743.46	AFC	912.00	910.50	909.28	910.25	917.96
Petition-2	Combined Asset	13382.49	AFC	1,893.11	1,832.34	1,767.76	1,689.96	1,131.91
Petition-3	Combined Asset	8728.09	AFC	1,172.70	1,128.84	735.81	732.68	730.60

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergrid.in.
5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th floor, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Naoroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurugram
Date: 06.08.2024
Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Commercial/RC)

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The general public are hereby informed that our clients **1) Mr. Hasan Fuaad Sadaq, 2) Mr. Mohamed Noohu Faheem Sadaq Mohideen Sadaqathullah,** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its owner **Mr. Siddharth Ranka.** Any person having any claim/rights/interest in the below said or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned ***within 7 days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the purchase.

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129085526	GOPINATH MANI	BANGALORE ELECTRONIC CITY BRANCH

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Due Date: 21 days from date of publication
Pre-bid Meeting: Date will be notified in Portal/Tender document
1. Details will be available in e-procurement portal **https://eprocuregrse.co.in;** Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/** and GRSE Website **https://grse.in/tender-published/**
2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry including change in dates, if any, will be published in above websites only.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2024-25/6903 Date: 08.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited Invites 04 no's (02 no's of works are Call-2) of Civil Engineering Works in Transmission Zone, Kalaburagi on Total turnkey basis.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notifications regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPPP website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **12.08.2024**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy),
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasaran Bhavan,
Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Mandya Regional Office
No.1124, 1st Floor, Arale Sangappa Complex, M C Road Mandya-571401,
Email id : ro7954@canarabank.com

BIDADI BRANCH

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **24.04.2024** (Paper Publication done on 29.05.2024) calling upon the borrower **Sri. Mahadevaiah B C** S/o Channappa **Since Deceased Represented by his Legal Hiers Smt. K Vijaya** W/o Mahadevaiah B C, **Sri. Harisha** S/o Mahadevaiah B C **and Smt. Soumya** D/o Mahadevaiah B C. **All are residing at R/o** 178/3, Banandur village, Bidadi Hobali, Ramanagara, Karnataka 562109, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.18, 99,980.72** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and Seventy Two Paisa Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **07th day of August the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** (name of the Institution) for an amount of **Rs.18,99,980.72** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and Seventy Two Paisa Only) and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

Name of Title Holder: Sri. Mahadevaiah B C, S/o Channappa.

Old Sy No.128/3, Present Municipal Katha No.607/209/320. Located at Banandur, Ward No.17, Bidadi Town, Ramanagra District. Extent- East to West: 39 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet & Total - 1560 Sq.Feet. Boundaries- East: Road, West: Road, North: Property of B S Nagaraju & South: Property of B M Shivalingaiah.

Date : 07.08.2024
Place : Mandya
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Corporate office: **Indel Money Limited**
IIIrd Floor Indel House, Changampuzha Nagar,
South Kalamassery, Ernakulum -682033
Ph: 0484-2933999 E:customercare@indelmoney.com

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 27-08-2024 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e- auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net and Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in on 29-08-2024 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 29-08-2024 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

By Authorized Officer
Indel Money Limited

MAHAVITARAN — TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for supply of Helmet with High Voltage Detection Device through e-tendering process with Estimated Cost of Rs. 827 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide No. MMD/T-HTM1-05/0824 due for submission on dtd. 30.08.2024.

For details please visit website: https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/

HO PR NO 181 / 24 **Chief Engineer (MMD)**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/EE/Tr(W&M)/AEE(Civil)/24-25/Cys-16 Date: 06.08.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No.: SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/DVG/24-25/CYS-16 Dated: 06.08.2024 for the works coming in the Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink **E Procurement KPTCL** to participate in e-procurement portal **on or after 12.08.2024 at 11.00 Hrs onwards.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium,
Hadadi Road, Davangere. Ph: 08192-2250774.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-3/F-T6/24-25/2188 **Date: 09.08.2024**

KPTCL invites bids against enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/AEE-3/T-07-10&21-22/Irgampalli-M-GHalli-Comb-Pkg/2024-25/EPR-828 Date: 31.07.2024.** Tender for combined package of work 1 & work 2.

Work-1: Providing 66kV DD+0 NBT KPTCL Design type intermediate towers for increasing vertical clearance in B/w T.No 07-10 in 66kV Irragamapalli-M Gollahalli SC line Near M Gollahalli Limits in TLM Section Chintamani, TLM Sub-Dvn, Kolar, TL&SSD, Chintamani, coming under the jurisdiction of TR(M.), BRAZ circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru on Total Turnkey, Two Part & Percentage Basis.

Work-2: Providing 66kV DD+0 NBT KPTCL Design type intermediate towers for increasing vertical clearance in B/w T.No 21-22 in 66kV Iragampalli to M Gollahalli S/C line Near M Gollahalli station Limits in TLM Section Chintamani, TLM Sub-Dvn, Kolar, TL&SSD,Chintamani coming under the jurisdiction of TR(M.), BRAZ circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru on Total Turnkey, Two Part & Percentage Basis.

Note: The bid will be received through KPP Portal mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry can be got by logging on to KPTCL Website: **https://kptcl. karnataka.gov.in** with Hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12.08.2024.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.),
Transmission(Maintenance), BRAZ, KPTCL,
U.A.S. Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

BANGALORE RURAL BRANCH : NO.197, 2nd Floor, II Stage, West of chord Road, (Near Rajajinagar I Block Bus Stop) Bangalore-560086 Telephone No.080-23494628 /23495821

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following Land & Building and Plant & machinery are under custody of the Corporation for sale under Sec. 29 of SFC's Act 1951 **On "AS IS WHERE IS, WHAT IS AS IS, WHICH IS AS IS BASIS".**

A) M/s RAPOZ INC, located at No.6, RNS Paint factory Road, D.B.Kallu Extn, Ist Main, Indiranagara, Gangondanahalli Road, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073.

MACHINERY DETAILS : 1) SMARTURN CNC Lathe Fanuc System 2) BFW make CNC verticle machining Centre Model BMV50Tc24 3) ASKAR Make CNC Lathe Model Spinner 4) Horizontal Swing Type Band Saw 5) Farmax 15 KVA voltage stabiliser 6) 15 KVA Stabiliser 7) Servo Controlled stabiliser 8) MS frame with hydraulic pump 9) Isolation Transformer.

Reserve Price - 49.81 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.4,98,100/- Bid Multiplayer Rs. 10,000/- Last date for payment of EMD **10.09.2024 at 5.00 PM,** Date and time of Inspection at site: **22.08.2024 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM,** E-auction commences on: **12.09.2024 at 11.00AM** and closes on **17.09.2024 at 5.00 PM.**

A) M/s Bangalore Electricals located at Plot No.62, KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Narasimhanapalya, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

LAND AND BUILDING DETAILS: 1) Land 20M X 15M = 300 sq.mtrs, 2) Industrial Building Ground Floor 2632 sq.ft = (244 sq.mtrs) and First Floor-308 sq.ft = (28.62 Sq.mtrs) (RCC roofed)and 187 sq.ft (17.38 sq.mtrs)

Reserve Price 81.30 Lakhs EMD Amount - Rs.8,13,100/- Bid Multiplayer Rs. 10,000/- Last date for payment of EMD **10.09.2024 at 5.00 PM,** Date and time of Inspection at site: **23.08.2024 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM,** E-auction commences on: **12.09.2024 at 11.00 AM** and closes on **17.09.2024 at 5.00 PM**

Persons interested for the purchase of the above assets may participate in the bid through e-auction. and the same are available for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHAT IS AS IS, WHICH IS AS IS BASIS".**

Terms & Conditions of Sale : The terms and conditions of the sale through e-auction are detailed in website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The Interested persons are advised to visit the aforesaid website. This notice is also a 30 days statutory notice for sale of secured asset to the borrower and to the personal guarantors as contemplated under Rule 8 (6) & 9(1).

For more details on participation of e-auction please contact e-procurement Helpdesk No. 91 8046010000, +91-8068948777, email support@eprochelpdesk.com or take hands on training at e-procurement Cell. 4th Floor, Sri. Arvind Bhavan, Mythik Society Building, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore - 560001.

Date: 09.08.2024 **Sd/- Asst. General Manager**
Place: Bangalore **Bangalore Rural Branch**

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s. Dollar Company P.Ltd. earnestly apologies for the mistake made in Publishing - HADENSA Advertisements given earlier and it is our wholehearted commitment that such advertisements will not be repeated as we have taken suitable steps in this regard and we undertake to abide with the applicable Laws and direction given by the Law Enforcing Authority.

M/s. Dollar Company Pvt Limited
No. 1, D'Silva Road,
Mylapore, Chennai-600 004

Canara Bank — Marathahalli Branch (DP Code-0768)

(A Government of India Undertaking)
No.19, Krishna Senate, Near Outer Ring Road Junction, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560008
Email: cb0768@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank, Marathahalli Branch under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice 13(2) dated **31/05/2024** calling upon the **Borrower/s: 1. Sri Venugopal M,** S/o Muniswamappa M, **2. Sri Shivaraj V,** S/o Sri Venugopal M (Co-Borrower) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 7,34,826.47/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and Forty Seven paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **7th day of August of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **CANARA BANK,** Marathahalli Branch for an amount of **Rs. 7,55,635.47/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five and Forty Seven paise Only) plus interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the Western portion of the property bearing House List Khatha No. 39/36, BBMP Khatha No. 39/36 bearing new BBMP Khatha No. 39/36/1, situated at 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Ramagondanahalli, Varthur main road, Bengaluru East Taluk within the limits of BBMP Ward Whitefield Sub-Division. Measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 46 feet, in all measuring 690 sq ft together with Residential building (G+3Floor) constructed thereon. **Boundaries: East:** Portion of the same property belongs to Jayaram, **West:** Muniramayya's property and road, **North:** Property left on same Khatha No. for passage and there after Malur Yellappa's House, **South:** Nagaraju's House . **Name of title holder:** Sri Venugopal M

Date: 11.08.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
01	**Mr. Ahuja Ujjwal (Borrower),** N10 1204, Jaypee Aman, Sector 151 Bishrakh, Gautam Buddha Nagar, I.A. Surajpur, Vardhaman Towers, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201306 **Also at:** House No 144, K C Ahuja, Durga Nagar, Roop Nagar, Jammu Tawi, Jammu & Kashmir 180013, **Also at:** Accenture Solutions Private Limited, **Designation:** Team Lead, **Department:** Software, Plot No B-9/A, 2nd Floor, Tower B&C Green Boulevard, Sec 62, Noida Complex, Noida 201301 **Also at:** Flat-208, Floor-2, S No 13, Prosperhomes Bliss, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore- 560063.	**Loan A/c Nos: (1) 688639018 Rs.47,93,814/- (2) 689719317 Rs. 1,61,987/- Total Rs. 49,55,801/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred One Only) as on 31.07.2024.**	**01.08.2024 ..... (e) N.P.A. Date 03.02.2024**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring **14,000 Square Feet**) and bounded on the **East by :** Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu., **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. D.Selvaraj and others, **North by :** Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.208**, in the Second Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of **1028.38 Sq.ft,** together with **255.08Sq.ft** of undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, containing Two bed room, along with one car parking.
02	**Mr. Arya Anshu (Borrower),** C-2/108, Block-C-2, New Ashok Nagar, Vasundhra Enclave East Delhi, New Delhi 110096, **Also at :** Viilage & Post Pachokhara, Rampura Pachokhara, Jalaun Dist Uttar Pradesh 285127 **Also at :** Itbaker Solutions India Private Limited, Designation: Software Developer, Department: IT, Building No 389, South Ex Tower, South Extn Part I, New Delhi 110049 **Also at :** Flat-107, 1st Floor, S No 13, Prosperhomes Bliss, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560063	**Loan A/c Nos: (1) 686791130 Rs.58,27,614/- (2) 687475247 Rs. 50,967/- Total Rs. 58,78,581/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty One Only) as on 31.07.2024**	**01.08.2024 ..... (e) N.P.A. Date 03.10.2023**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the **East by :** Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. D.Selvaraj and others, **North by :** Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.107**, in the FIRST FLOOR of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule A' property with super built up area of **1167.72 Sq.ft,** together with 289.89 Sft of undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, containing Two bed room, along with one car parking.
03	**Mr. Kumar Dinesh (Borrower),** H No 120, Masjid, Amichand Khand, Girinagar, Kalkaji, South Delhi, Govindpuri, New Delhi 110019 **Also at :** Itbaker Solutions India Private Limited, **Designation:** SR Data Analyst, **Department:** IT, Building No 389, South Ex Tower, South Extn Part II, New Delhi 110049 **Also at :** Flat-007, Ground Floor, S No 13, Prosperhomes Bliss, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, 560063	**Loan A/c Nos: (1) 686797820 Rs.50,72,852/- (2) 687509886 Rs. 98,309/- Total Rs. 51,71,161/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy One Thosand One Hundred Sixty One Only) as on 31.07.2024**	**01.08.2024 ..... (e) N.P.A. Date 03.10.2023**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the : East by : Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, West by :Property belongs to Mr. D.Selvaraj and others, North by : Road and Private Property, South by : Private Property. **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.007,** in the Ground Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule A' property with super built up area of **979.34 Sq.ft,** together with **242.91 Sq.ft** of undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, containing Two bed room, along with one car parking.
04	**Mr. Kumar Suresh C (Borrower),** # 3/134A, South Street, Enathi, Near ERC College, Thanjavur Tamil Nadu-614615, **Also at : Kigen (India) Private Limited, Designation:** Software Engineer, **Department:** Development, 8th Floor, Tower C, Logix Cyber Park, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201309 **Also at :** Flat-105, 1st Floor, S No 13, Prosperhomes Bliss, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560063.	**Loan A/c Nos: (1) 687930062 Rs.49,80,069/- (2) 689546730 Rs. 2,32,848/- Total Rs. 52,12,917/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 31.07.2024**	**01.08.2024 ..... (e) N.P.A. Date 03.02.2024**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the : **East by :** Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. D.Seivaraj and others, **North by :** Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.105,** in the First Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of **1008.34 Sq.ft.** together with **250.11 Sq.ft** undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, Containing Two bed room, along with one car parking.
05	**Mr. Mandla Ramakoti (Borrower),** C102, SJR Equinox Apartment, Opp Venlanani Gate, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100 **Also at :** HCL Technologies Limited, **Designation:** Group Manager, **Department:** Manager, G-60,C/O.Citibank, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Bandra STN Road Mumbai-400051, **Also at :** Flat-110, 1st Floor, S No 13, Prosperhomes Bliss, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560063.	**Loan A/c Nos: 683960832 Rs.42,42,921/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Only) as on 31.07.2024**	**01.08.2024 ..... (e) N.P.A. Date 04.04.2024**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the: **East by :** Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. D.Selvaraj and others, **North by :** Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.110,** in the First Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of **1032.39 Sq.ft,** together with **256.07 Sq.ft** containing Two bed room, along with one car parking with undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property.
06	**(1) Mr. Saha Abhishek (Borrower),** Dhulian Ghospara, Samsherganj, Murshidabad, West Bengal, Dhuliyan, Murshidabad 742202 **(2) Mr. Saha Abhishek,** A201, Sky Line Bagmane Champagne HIL, 2nd Main Road, Gottigere, Near South Avenue, Bengaluru-560083, **Also at :** WS Atkins India Private Limited, **Designation:** Recruitment Lead, **Department:** HRSC, No 3, Ali Askar Road, 10th Floor, Safina Towers, Bengaluru-560107 **Also at :** Flat-104, 1st Floor, S No 13, Prosperhomes Bliss, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560063	**Loan A/c Nos: 683768566 Rs.43,30,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) as on 31.07.2024**	**01.08.2024 ..... (e) N.P.A. Date 03.01.2024**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the **East by :** Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. D.Selvaraj and others, **North by :** Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.104,** in the First Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of **1009.76 Sq.ft,** together with **250.46 Sq.ft** undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, Containing Two bed room, along with one car parking.

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 12.08.2024 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of the undermentioned security debts due to the Bank, together with further interest and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors mentioned herein below:

PART - 1

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Sree Anjana Enterprises, No.124, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, JNC Road, KHB Colony, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095. Also at, M/s. Sree Anjana Enterprises, 4th Cross, No.82, Ground Floor, 7th Block, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore - 560095. No.2) Mrs. S. Gayathri, W/o. S.M. Krishna, No.142, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 18th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034. Also at, Mrs. S. Gayathri, W/o. S.M. Krishna, No.413, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095. No.3) Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty, No.142, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 18th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034. Also at, Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty, No.413, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.74,41,266/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Forty One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Six only) as on **30-06-2024** plus accrued interest to be charged from **01-07-2024** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty) All that piece and parcel of the site bearing K. No. 323/24, Situated at Hulimangla Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 43 Feet and on the Southern Side 61 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. Total 2,080 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : The Property No.25, North by : The Property No.23, South by : Road.	₹ 36,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh only)	02-09-2024 at 01.00 p.m.

PART - 2

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Muddu Communications, No.119, Railway Gate Road, Patharapalya, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560039. Also at M/s. Muddu Communications, No.4, Basavalingappa (Janatha) Colony, Nayandahally Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560039. No.2) Mr. P. Muniramu, S/o. Mr. Puttappa, No.4, Basavalingappa Colony, Nayandahally, Bangalore - 560039. No.3) Mrs. M. Mahalakshmi, W/o. Mr. P. Muniramu, No.4, Basavalingappa Colony, Nayandahally, Bangalore - 560039. No.4) Mr. Seetharamaiah, S/o. Mr. Puttiah, No.4, Janatha Colony, Nayandahally, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560039.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.63,99,411/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven only) as on **07-08-2024** plus accrued interest to be charged from **08-08-2024** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Notes:- (1) That our **109 - Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080062995) dated **31-03-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligants and No.4 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.2,70,000/-** at a ROI of **16.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **31-05-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **07-08-2024** is **Rs.4,89,001/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-08-2024** till the date of realization.

(2) That our **109 - Bengaluru - Koramangala Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC: 501912090016192) dated **04-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.1,77,000/-** at a ROI of **14.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **31-05-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **07-08-2024** is **Rs.3,03,366/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-08-2024** till the date of realization.

Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mr. Seetharamaiah, S/o. Mr. Puttiah) All that piece and parcel of the Property, Bearing KK.No.997/968 situated at Gangondanahalli, Lawyerapalya, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring:- East to West 60 feet and North to South 45 feet , Along with 1.5 Square Sheet House and Bounded on the:- East by - Road, West by - Property of Mr. Munithayappa, South by - Portion of Property belonging to the Seller and North by - Road.	₹ 68,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh only)	02-09-2024 at 02.00 p.m.

PART - 3

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Balaji Steel and Pipes, Nos. 4, 16 & 17, Sy. No. 68, Mylasandra, Uttarahalli, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560060. No.2) Mr. P. Venugopal Naidu, S/o. Late P.G. Kannaiah Naidu, No.77/5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070. No.3) Mrs. P. Subbamma, W/o. P. Venugopal Naidu, No. 77/5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.3,94,62,426/- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Four Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Six only) as on **27-05-2024** plus accrued interest to be charged from **28-05-2024** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Note : That our **109-Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080093439) dated **07-10-2022** requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos. 2 and 3 of you as Partners for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.35,00,000/-** at a **ROI** of **12.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **25-01-2023** and the outstanding balance as on **27-05-2024** is **Rs.3,55,557/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **28-05-2024** till the date of realization.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. P. Venugopal Naidu, S/o. Late P.G. Kannaiah Naidu) All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Property bearing Block No.13, in Sy. No.107 measuring 11.5 Guntas (Totally Measuring 12,523.5 Sq. feet), converted as per the conversion Order No. BDS. ALN(s)SR.(KT)15/2004-05, dated 20-05-2004 situated at Hemmigepura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now Coming under the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura, Ward No.198, in BBMP Khatha No.571/255/13 and bounded by : East by : Block No.12 in Sy. No. 107, West by : Road, North by : Road and South by : Road.	₹ 4,50,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Lakh only)	02-09-2024 at 03.00 p.m.
Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mrs. P. Subbamma, W/o. P. Venugopal Naidu) All that piece and parcel of the Residential Land and building Property bearing Site No.77/8, BBMP Khatha No.61/6, PID No.55-124-11, Measuring : East to West 40 Feet, North to South towards Eastern Side 12, Western Side 36 feet, along with Residential Building, situated at Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on : East by : Remaining Portion of same Property, West by : Road, North by : Property belongs to Dr.Ballal and South by : Smt. Neelamma Property.	₹ 1,10,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh only)	02-09-2024 at 03.00 p.m.

Venue of Re-Tender-cum-Auction: City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,
No.92, Z Square, Gr Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala,
Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch, No.92, Z Square, Gr Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon for PART - 1, on or before 01.00 p.m. for PART - 2 & on or before 02.00 p.m. for PART - 3. (4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m. for PART - 1, 02.00 p.m. for PART - 2 & 03.00 p.m. for PART - 3** properties on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the Sale will be by way of closed Tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed Tender process, and in such an event, the Sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of **City Union Bank Limited. (7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam **Authorised Officer**
Date : 09-08-2024 **City Union Bank Ltd.**

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KEA held a recruitment examination for 50 Assistant Engineer posts in the Karnataka State Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board on Sunday. The exam was held across 28 centres in Bengaluru North, Ballari, Davanagere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, and Mysuru, and 14,131 candidates appeared

MORE THAN 12L HECTARES OF LAND COULD BE FLOODED

Discharge of 3L cusecs, will risk loss of more crops; Why no maintenance in past 2 yrs question farmers

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Hosapete

NEARLY 12 lakh hectares of agricultural land in Ballari, Raichur, Koppal and Vijayanagara district could be marooned, as the excess water is being released from the Tungabhadra dam since Sunday afternoon, after one of the dam's crest gates was broken.

When the dam discharges water above 1.5 lakh cuces, many agricultural fields get inundated due to floods, and now, the current discharge of the dam has crossed 2 lakh cusecs. The numbers are causing a worry for farmers who may be not able to save their current crop.

To ensure early repair for the broken crest gate, the authorities are planning to increase the outflow to 3 lakh cusecs. Farmers say that if the discharge reaches 3 lakh cusecs, more agricultural land will be at the risk of losing crops.

Some of the farmers from Hosapete alleged that TB Dam Board failed to maintain the dam when there was less rain in the state in the last two years. The farmers' organisations are now planning to submit a memorandum to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who will be visiting the dam on August 13.

President of Tungabhadra Farmers Association, Hosapete, Purshottam Gowda J said in the last two years farmers faced drought situations and the recent rain had brought cheers among the farmers. "This year, by end of July, the Tungabhadra reservoir was filled completely. Few months ago the farmers had requested the authorities to ensure proper maintenance. The officials used to come up with smart excuses to push the maintenance work ahead at every meeting, but now who is responsible for the incident?" he asked.

"From four districts Ballari, Koppal, Vijayanagara and Raichur farmers depend on the dam water to yield 12 lakh hectares of agricultural land. We don't hope for rain in upcoming days. It's a clear negligence from the dam authorities and the responsible officials must be punished," he demanded.

Monuments along the river stream in Hampi were submerged in flood waters on Sunday | EXPRESS

Water level has to be at 65 tmcft for repair work

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AS the structure of the dam could be damaged, all the gates have been opened and 89,000 cusecs of water is being released to neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while the inflow is 28,000 cusecs.

Sources in the water resources department said the reservoir has to be emptied from the existing capacity of 105 tmcft to 65-55 tmcft to carry out the repair work.

Explaining the reason for the collapse, they said the inflows into the reservoir had increased over the last week, increasing pressure on the crest gates and one of them gave way on Sunday morning.

"From the damaged crest gate itself, 56,000 cusecs of water is going out, while the rest of 32 crest gates put together, we are discharging 89,000 cusecs. The total discharge had crossed 2 lakh cusecs by Sunday evening. There are plans to increase the outflow from other gates to reduce the burden on the area around crest gate No. 19," said a senior official.

Vijayanagara Deputy Commissioner MS Divakar said, "We are requesting people in areas downstream not to venture near the river due to safety reasons." The dam, the biggest in Karnataka, is situated in Munirabad of Koppal district and was built in 1953. It serves the drinking water and irrigation needs of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Cong slammed for gate coming off

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BJP leaders are slamming the state government, charging it with negligence for the sluice gate of the Tungabhadra dam being washed away, that led to a flood-like situation as well as waste of water, causing distress to farmers who had faced drought last year.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said the government's negligence had led to water wastage which has left farmers in distress. He charged Deputy CM and Water Resource Minister DK Shivakumar of working for his party high command rather than his department. "For him, party welfare is more important than people. Shivakumar is trying to mobilize funds for the party and other states, how will he get time to look into all these things? If Shivakumar had convened a meeting with the technical team of the dam, this would not have happened. He did not bother to get this dam repaired," said Ashoka. Slamming Chief M Siddaramaiah, he said he should resign from the post if he cannot take care of farmers.

BJP State President BU Vijayendra demanded that arrangements be made to evacuate people from villages in and around the dam where a flood-like situation is expected, and that the state government repair the damage at the earliest.

Former CM Basavaraj Bommai said the Tungabhadra Dam was constructed during the pre-Independence era and has faced several issues over time. One of the major problems was the accumulation of silt. During the BJP's tenure, a project report was prepared to construct a parallel dam to address these issues. The Dam Management Committee, which was formed by the central government, provided several recommendations. The state government should have implemented these recommendations on priority. It seems like the government did not take these recommendations seriously or this situation could have been avoided, he added.

AP dists on high alert after crest gate breaks

Kurnool/Vijayawada: A high alert has been sounded downstream of Tungabhadra Dam in Kurnool district on Sunday. Taking stock of the situation, Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu directed Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav to monitor the situation and render all possible help to TB Dam authorities. Farmers have been assured that every measure will be taken to minimise the losses. Tungabhandra is the main source of water for the undivided districts of Kurnool, Anantapur, and Kadapa. Late Saturday night, when the pulling chain of the number 19 gate of the dam snapped, due to high pressure, the gate was washed away. To lessen the pressure on the broken gate, project authorities opened seven more gates to release water downstream. By Sunday evening, the water was being released at the discharge rate of nearly 1 lakh cusecs and the inflows at Sunkesula Barrage and Srisailam dam were steadily increasing. A high alert has been sounded in all habitation along the river course downstream of the project, and that of Nagarjuna Sagar, Pulichintala, and Prakasam barrage. Water Resources Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu said experts are already working to fix the problem at the dam

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, Minister NS Boseraju and TB Dam Board officials inspect broken crest gate on Sunday

Not going to blame anyone, says DKS

"This reservoir is 60-70 years old and I am not going to blame officials for this. While the repair work is going on, the dam will not be accessible to anyone except technicians and officials. Access has been limited to elected representatives too," Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said.

New nutrient-rich dragon fruit powder to help farmers

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN a bid to support farmers who are adopting the cultivation of dragon fruit (also known as Red Kamalam) on a large scale, the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (ICAR-IIHR) in Hesaraghatta has developed a new method to produce 'dragon fruit powder' that cuts production costs by over 50 per cent, while improving its nutritional quality.

One of the most popular products made from dragon fruit is the 'powder', which is commonly used in ice creams, milkshakes, cakes, and biscuits to impart a magenta pink hue. However, the commercial value of the powders are quite high, with spray-dried powder priced at around Rs 4,000 per kg and freeze-dried powder between Rs 12,000 and Rs 15,000 per kg.

Dr CK Narayana, Principal Scientist (Horticulture) at the Division of PHT &AE, ICAR-IIHR, explained that the prices of the powder are typically high because of equipment – as it is produced using freeze-drying or spray-drying methods and the use of additives that reduce the amount of actual fruit pulp in the powder – with 20-40 per cent maltodextrin added as an additive.

However, IIHR developed a technology that uses only 4-8 per cent additives and utilises cabinet or tray-drying techniques. As a result, the production cost is significantly lower, and the nutritional quality is improved due to the reduced use of additives.

Converting surplus dragon fruit into powder form helps farmers extend the shelf life of their produce and reduce the immediate supply of fresh fruit in the market. This also helps prevent a potential price drop due to oversupply. The conversion allows farmers to store and sell the powder over a longer period, stabilising prices and ensuring a consistent income even when fresh fruit prices might fluctuate.

The Centre, recognising the growing demand for dragon fruit – considered as a superfruit due to its high nutrient content - has also approved the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for the fruit at IIHR-CHES in Hirehalli, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture. To further enhance the fruit's market potential, ICAR-IIHR too has started researching ways to preserve, process, and add value to Kamalam.

'Sustainable tech projects help empowerment'

Bengaluru: "Sustainable tech projects help community empowerment. In view of the changes taking place in the field of technology, all educational institutions should adopt tech-driven initiatives. It is good to note that Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology has come forward to take the initiative, by arranging an international conference for the exchange of research projects and ideas on a global platform," said Dr Juan M Corchado, Rector, University of Salamanca, Spain, while inaugurating the Second edition of International Conference on Networks, Multimedia, and Information Technology (NMITCON-2024) at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Yelahanka, on August 10. He added that exchange of technical knowledge between nations is very much essential for the betterment of the universe.

K'taka overall champion in aquatic nationals

BHUBANESWAR: Karnataka emerged as the overall champion with a total of 799 points at the 40th Sub-Junior and 50th Junior Aquatic Championship, that concluded on Sunday at Kalinga Stadium here.In the Team championships, Karnataka dominated, securing the first position in both the Boys' and Girls' categories with 149 and 199 points respectively.

Land owner shoots at tribal youth in Dindigul

DINDIGUL: An 18-year-old man from the Paliyar tribal community was shot allegedly by a landowner who belongs to a Backward Classes community in Sirumalai of Dindigul district on Saturday evening. The victim's family alleges that he was shot when he entered the neighbour's farmland to chase off a stray buffalo. Dindigul police have formed a team to investigate even as a WhatsApp message was doing the rounds claiming the youth was shot for stealing fruits from the property.

Brand Telangana will suffer if firms leave: KTR

Hyderabad: BRS working president and former IT & Industries Minister KT Rama Rao expressed concern over the reports that Amara Raja Group might leave Telangana if the government fails to honour its commitments. "If these reports are true, it would be a significant setback," Rama Rao said in a statement here on Sunday. He pointed out that since the Congress government took office, several companies like Kaynes Technology, and Corning company have left the state due to unclear policies.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa, Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, MLA Sangameshwar and others offer bagina at Bhadra Dam in Lakkavalli on Sunday | EXPRESS

Raghavendra can't seek CM's resignation: Madhu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that BJP state chief BY Vijayendra doesn't stand the ground to question Siddaramaiah, or demand resignation from him.

Speaking after offering Bagina at the Bhadra dam, Lakkavalli on Sunday, Madhu Bangarappa said, "BJP state chief BY Vijayendra does not have the morality to ask resignation from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Did he participate in any movement? What is his achievement? Both the sons of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa are responsible for sending him to jail. They were corrupt, and Yediyurappa paid the price by resigning from his post as the CM during the last BJP tenure."

He also told that even after Raghavendra brought Union Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy to the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant in Bhadravathi, the Union government has initiated the process to shut it down.

"When Raghavendra raised the issue in the Lok Sabha, and asked whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) proposes to resume production activities at the plant, the centre responded that the process to close VISL has been initiated. If VISL is shutdown, BY Raghavendra is solely responsible for that," alleged Madhu.

Landslide crashes IAF dream of youth

VINCENT D'SOUZA
@ Mangaluru

THE dreams of Rohit Singh Rawat, a 24-year-old from Ajmer, Rajasthan, to serve the country as an Indian Air Force officer, crash-landed, as his train was struck in a landslide between Sakaleshpur and Ballupete stations on Saturday.

Rawat was travelling in Train 16511 KSR Bengaluru – Kannur Express, for his written test, scheduled at 8.30 am in Mangaluru. The train was stranded at Alur even at 5.30 am. When he saw no signs of the train moving, he took a bus back to Bengaluru. "Even if I took a bus, I could never make it in time," said a distraught Rawat. He tagged PM Modi, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, in a post to postpone the exam in view of the development.

Bidari elected head of Veerashaiva Mahasabha

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FORMER DGP of Karnataka Shankar Mahadeva Bidari was elected unopposed as state president of the Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha. This organization is one of the most influential community groups in the state, as Veerashaiva-Lingayats play a crucial role in determining the fate of assembly candidates in around 150 constituencies.

The seasoned police officer, who has now ventured into the political arena, spoke exclusively to TNIE. "I express my deep gratitude to all members who have supported me and helped me win unopposed. I will work towards the comprehensive development of the community and for greater unity in society," Bidari said.

Known for effectively handling brigand Veerappan, a task that many IPS officers refused, Bidari was credited with saving the state from the notorious criminal. His distinguished career includes serving as Bangalore city police commissioner.

The nomination process was attended by several prominent leaders, including national general secretary of the Mahasabha and Forest Minister Ishwar Khandre, national secretary and executive member HM Renuka Prasanna, state general secretary Nataraja Sagaranahalli, besides other district presidents, including DR Paramesh of Tumakuru, S Ananda of Mandya, Kori Shettar of Haveri, Shivakumar of Chitradurga, Yogananda of Ramanagara, Balachandra and Gowreesh Aradhya.

He takes over the position from former MLC Thippanna, whose term as state president had concluded. The Mahasabha's electoral body comprises 31,000 members.

B'DESH INFLUX

Lack of marine police staff leaves Odisha coast porous

ASISH MEHTA @ Bhubaneswar

EVEN as Odisha government is on alert to thwart attempts of infiltration from trouble-torn Bangladesh, the state's 18 marine police stations, struggling with shortage of manpower, lack adequate resources to perform their task efficiently.

Sources said the 480-km-long coastline of the state is guarded in three layers with the Indian Navy securing the outermost perimeter, followed by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and then Odisha Police's marine police stations, which became operational between 2009 and 2015.

However, the state depends heavily on the Navy and the ICG to secure its coast as its marine police stations lack teeth to deal with critical situations.

Under the coastal security scheme of the Centre, 18 marine police stations were sanctioned for the state to strengthen security along its entire coast. The aim and objective of such police stations was to check import/export of illegal arms and contraband through sea route, infiltration of unauthorised persons, entry of anti-national elements, illegal/unregulated fishing and to guard against attack on vital installations along the coastline.

Sources said the state government had sanctioned 738 posts in different ranks including 18 inspectors, 54 sub-inspectors (SI) and assistant sub-inspectors (ASI) each, 144 havildars and 432 constables for all the marine police stations. This apart, the state government had sanctioned 270 home guard posts and 280 technical posts for former Navy and Coast Guard personnel. "At least 70 per cent of the posts are vacant in all ranks and close to 30 per cent technical posts are vacant," said sources in state police headquarters.

The shortage of ASIs, havildars and constables poses a major challenge in guarding fish landing centres, providing security to vital installations along the coast and carrying out patrolling in the sea.

EDITORIAL

Your enemy is not the refugee. Your enemy is the one who made him a refugee — Tariq Ramadan

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— Ramnath Goenka

SC HAMMERS BASIC PRINCIPLES WHILE GRANTING BAIL TO SISODIA

PROLONGED incarceration before being pronounced guilty of an offence should not be permitted to become punishment without trial. It is part of the settled criminal jurisprudence. Yet, that redline is often observed in its breach. Similarly, the dictum of bail as the rule and jail the exception was first laid down by Justice V R Krishna Iyer in 1977. A Supreme Court bench while granting bail to former deputy chief minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia, sought to drill that cardinal principle into the heads of a trial court and the Delhi High Court. Sisodia was arrested in a money laundering case tied to the Delhi excise policy ripoff 17 months ago under the draconian Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, where getting bail is not easy. But the trial in the case is yet to begin and the chance of it being wrapped up quickly is next to zilch. The case for bail had already travelled from the trial court to the high court and the Supreme Court and back twice. Another iteration of the procedure would only amount to a game of snakes and ladders, the judges reasoned. Since lower courts tend to play safe on matters of bail, the top court needlessly gets flooded with bail petitions. As of December 31, 2022, the total number of undertrial prisoners in the country waiting for bail stood at 4,34,302, according to data put out by the National Crime Records Bureau. Sisodia, the bench pointed out, was deprived of the right to speedy trial and his fundamental right to liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution.

Sisodia was in the eye of the storm because the controversial new excise policy was crafted under his watch as he had then held the excise portfolio. It allegedly benefitted middlemen who gave his Aam Aadmi Party kickbacks that were plowed into the subsequent elections. His boss and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, too, is under arrest in the same case.

Keeping an accused endlessly in jail without trial is typical of a gulag, not a constitutional democracy. The principle applies to all, including Sisodia and Kejriwal. The political class might want to rip the AAP's mask of probity in public life by keeping its leaders out of business, but that's where courts need to step in to make the rule of law uniformly applicable. Else, it will be seen as dereliction of duty.

FOUR NOMINEES FOR BANK ACCOUNTS A RADICAL MOVE

THE Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, tabled in Parliament last week, has several provisions offering flexibility and uniformity to banks for carrying out their day-to-day operations. Perhaps the most path-breaking among them is the one which allows bank account holders to have up to four nominees. These nominees could be either successive or simultaneous. Successive nomination means having multiple nominees in a particular order. If the first nominee is not available for claiming the funds, then the second nominee will be called. Simultaneous nomination means multiple nominations with deposits divided into pre-defined proportions. In case of the simultaneous nominees, the account holder must explicitly mention the proportion of deposits in percentage in favour of each nominee. The nominations must be made for the whole amount. In case of death of any nominee, the nomination in favour of that person becomes ineffective, and the fund is divided into the rest of the nominees. The provision to allow four nominees is a radical change from the practice of having only one nominee earlier. This gives greater flexibility and convenience for depositors and their legal heirs. This also helps legal heirs avoid future litigation for claiming funds left by the account holder.

The bill also proposes increase in threshold for shareholding of a substantial interest from ₹5 lakh to ₹2 crore. The earlier threshold was last fixed in 1968, and needed to be changed. Another important proposal is to revise the reporting dates for the submission of statutory reports by banks to the Reserve Bank of India -- from the second or fourth Friday to the last day of the fortnight, month, or quarter. Uniform reporting standards make it easier for banks to address sectoral risks and economic challenges. The bill also proposes greater freedom to banks for remunerating their auditors. Apart from these, a couple of changes were made with regards to co-operative banks – increasing the tenure of their directors from 8 years to 10 years and allowing directors of central co-operative banks on the boards of state cooperatives. These changes are supposed to improve governance in cooperative banks. Modern-day banks need to have greater freedom and flexibility in servicing the needs of its clients, and the provisions made in the banking bill should allow banks enough flexibility to perform its duties.

QUICK TAKE

WORLD CONQUERED, NOT FAMILY

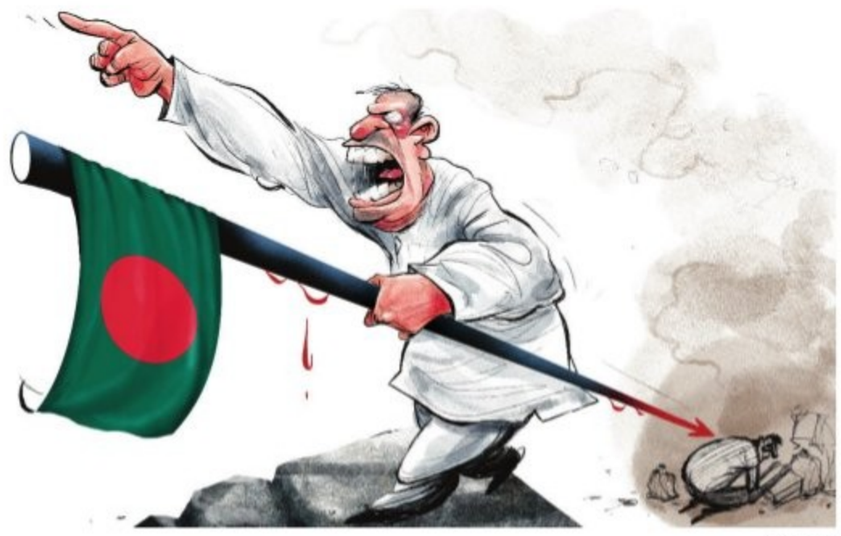
GYMNAST Carlos Yulo may be the most famous Filipino right now after winning two gold medals in the Paris Olympics, but that has not stopped his mother from berating him in public. Their feud is about how Angelica Poquiz-Yulo managed her 24-year-old son's finances and her disapproval of his girlfriend, a content creator on TikTok. After their spat hit the global headlines, the mother put out an open message of contrition saying, "There is no perfect family." At a time athletes' families the world over are struggling with a post-Olympics rush of emotions, this filmy line may be Tiger balm for the soul.

The Indian government has raised its voice against the atrocities being inflicted on Hindus in Bangladesh. Yet, those who champion minority rights in India have not been so vocal

PROTECTING MINORITIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

MAKARAND R PARANJAPE — Author and commentator

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE



SOURAV ROY

AUGUST 5 marks the sudden overthrow of the elected Awami League government in Bangladesh. A swift resignation, followed by the unceremonious fleeing of former PM Sheikh Hasina to India. Since then, Bangladesh has been on the minds of many thinking—and some unthinking—Indians. Several analyses, replete with conspiracy theories, have been bandied about.

Is this a US-engineered regime change? Is the head of the caretaker government, Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus, a US stooge? Is there a hidden Chinese hand in the coup? Or should the credit—or blame—go to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, operating out of London and within Bangladesh?

Or was it Bangladesh's Jammat-i-Islami, the radical Islamist organisation with dreaded student wing 'Chhatra Shibir', the ones who upturned Hasina's tottering government? Or, contrarily, if not in addition to the above, was this actually a student-led popular uprising against a 'dictatorial' regime? And what about the role of our own Research and Analysis Wing? How did they help safeguard our interests?

That there have been regime changes in the region is undeniable. But who is behind them? First Pakistan, with the deposition, then imprisonment, of Imran Khan in April 2022. Then Sri Lanka a couple of months later in July 2022. More recently, Maldives in November 2023. The way these governments were toppled, especially in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, bear an uncanny similarity with what happened in Bangladesh. In Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, the residences of the deposed leaders were ransacked in the most unseemly manner. In Pakistan, it was the Corps Commander's official residence in Lahore.

The regime change has also been accompanied by the tearing down of statues of the founder of the nation, 'Bangabandhu' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. What is the deeper or symbolic meaning of this outrage? Are elements within Bangladesh trying to negate or erase the very foundations of the nation? Do they wish to cancel the separation of Bangladesh from Pakistan, turn Bangladesh back into Pakistan? Or is this, in addition, Islamist idol-breaking?

Another, certainly worse fact that no one denies, regardless of their political or ideological leanings within Bangladesh, is the ferocious and murderous attacks on Hindus. It has been called a targeted and planned exercise in ethnic cleansing, the worst in the country's history since 2001. When Khalida Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party came to power, thousands of Hindus across the country were massacred, raped, and looted. So it's a tried and tested template of incentivising agitationists.

Most Hindus in India, barring West Bengal, didn't know how bad the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh was till Taslmia Nasreen's *Lajja* (1993) came out. The novel portrayed the attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh in the aftermath of the destruction of the Babri Masjid in December 1992. More recently, Deep Halder and Avishek Biswas in *Being Hindu in Bangladesh: An Untold Story* (2023) have documented the tragedy of Hindus in that country in graphic detail.

In November 2016, the *Dhaka Tribune* reported an ominous warning by Professor Abul Barkat of Dhaka University: "No Hindus will be left in Bangladesh after 30 years." The story was widely quoted by the *Press Trust of India* in India. In November 2021, the *United News of India* reported the steady decline of the Hindu population in Bangladesh: "Over the past 50 years, the total population of Bangladesh has more than doubled, but not in the case of Hindus. The number of Hindu people had dropped by around 7.5 million (75 lakh)."

When the first census was taken in 1974 after Bangladesh's independence, Hindus constituted 13.5 percent of the population. By 2011, they were only 8.5 percent. By 2024, assuming the same, if not worse, rate of decline, the percentage would be less than 6.5 percent. Where have all the Hindus gone? The missing Hindus have fled, converted, or been killed—*raleev* (convert), *galeev* (perish), *chaleev* (flee).

Unfortunately, the plight of the Hindus in Bangladesh, or Pakistan for that matter, elicits little concern in the international community. You rarely see United Nations or human rights groups taking up this matter. Only recently, much better organised Hindu action groups in the US such as the Hindu American Foundation or Coalition of Hindus of North America raising their voices against the ongoing pogrom against Hindus in Bangladesh.

In India, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and its affiliates do raise their voice. More recently, educated "hyper-Hindus" and their media outlets too. Plus WhatsApp and social media outraging over these atrocities. The BJP and the present Modi government have made their concerns known. Thankfully, this has broken the governmental taboo on the 'H' word. But why is the opposition not so vocal? And the left liberal press and influencers? The abject silence or muffled murmurs are shameful, or worse, complicit in a larger global funded narrative.

Among the ironies of the regime change violence in Bangladesh is the slaughter of leftists, who had made common cause with the Islamists. Some of the mutilated corpses have been identified as belonging to them in addition, of course, to Hindus. But the Left-Islamist alliance continues the world over, India and the US included.

Now to the most horrific part. The videos of Hindu women being abducted, molested and humiliated are too gruesome to dwell on. Documented sources, going back to the Bangladesh liberation war, show that these are not isolated instances.

Secular Bangladeshis regret these violent acts against the Hindus, but have been powerless to prevent them. The army has looked the other way, even joining Jamaati agitators, on occasion chanting "*Nara-e-takbeer, Allah hu Akbar*!" The police have deserted their posts fearing reprisals. Among those targeted have been members of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League. The future of the party is uncertain, but it is likely that they will regroup and remain a force in the political chessboard.

A third front on our eastern borders is extremely dangerous. Plus, there are already thousands of refugees at our door. Do we have it in us to turn a crisis into an opportunity? Thankfully, at least for now, the opposition has lent its support to the government.

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HISTORICAL FULFILMENT OF SPIRITUAL DEBTS

RENUKA NARAYANAN — FAITHLINE

ANDAL Jayanti 2024 was on August 7. Ramanuja, the profoundly influential 11th-12th century Vaishnava saint, was himself influenced by the 8th century girl-saint Andal, sharing her creed of intimate personal devotion to Vishnu. It marked a popular shift from Adi Shankara's ancient philosophy of *Advaita* or non-dualism, which held that 'every living soul or *jivatma* is part of the supersoul, the all-pervading impersonal *Paramatma*'. But the human need to love a 'face' proved overpowering and Ramanuja modified Shankara's *Advaita* to *Visishtadvaita* or qualified dualism—that while a devoted human soul can attain the supersoul, it is subservient to it, who is Vishnu. To know more, we must go back to a morning in 11th-century Tamil Nadu.

The temple of Srirangam rose monumentally in the early dawn on its island between the Kaveri and Kollidam. A chorus of young girls entered, singing songs composed by Andal. A group of Vaishnava ascetics listened in deep spiritual pleasure as the girls sang Andal's vivid poems of her longing to merge her soul in Vishnu. Tears began to flow down the cheeks of their leader, Ramanuja. He had made his own bold journey of love for Vishnu. Born in the temple town of Sriperumbudur, he was taught the powerful eight-syllable mahamantra '*Om Namo Narayanaya*' by his guru. The spell merely appeared to state, 'I praise Lord Vishnu'. But its vibrations had an immensely empowering effect. Only a spiritually evolved guru could impart this mystic mantra, and only to a pupil who was worthy.

But what had Ramanuja done with this treasure? He had dashed up the gateway of a nearby temple, climbed perilously to the top and proclaimed the mahamantra aloud for all to hear. "It belongs to everyone. God belongs to everyone. Don't you see, it must be shared," he had argued afterwards and gone his way, attracting a growing band of disciples as he travelled the land speaking of Vishnu-love, inspiring men of all castes to participate in renovating old Vishnu temples and building new ones.

"It was the story of Andal that made me see the light," said Ramanuja as the girls went by. "How can I ever repay her? She lived over 300 years before I was born. But see how her love lives on."

Ramanuja and his disciples went to a place called Yadavadri, where they stayed in retreat for some time before returning to Srirangam, which pulled Ramanuja to it as a mother would draw her child close. On the way, he stopped at the village of Vrishabhachala to worship Vishnu at his temple there. This was the very place where Andal had prayed, "O Lord Hari, if you will accept me, I will offer you a hundred pots of sweet rice pudding and a hundred pots of pure white butter."

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> Ramanuja and his disciples went to Srivilliputhur, Andal's birthplace, where everyone called him 'elder brother'. It was when he went to the temple built to consecrate Andal that he found out why. Andal called him her brother for fulfilling her promise in Vrishabhachala

Andal had been found out soon after by her saintly father, in an act of vanity. She had begun wearing the garland of flowers she wove every day for Vishnu before giving it to her father to offer in worship. Her father had spotted a long black hair caught in the flowers. But Vishnu appeared in a dream to him and absolved Andal, saying it was her love that made her wear his garland. One day, Andal had gone to Srirangam temple, touched Vishnu's feet there, swung herself up to sit on them and disappeared.

The old priest at Vrishabhachala recalled the girl-saint's promise to Ramanuja and it struck him that this was the perfect way to repay his spiritual debt to Andal. He would keep her promise for her. Such was Ramanuja's stature that he had barely spoken the thought aloud when the old priest sprang up and rang the temple bell.

"The Yatiraj, king of ascetics, wishes to offer a hundred pots of sweet rice pudding and a hundred pots of butter to keep Andal's promise made here long ago, at your own temple. What do you say?" asked the old priest of his flock. A roar of approval was his answer.

Some days later, looking at the rows of earthen pots of offerings, Ramanuja felt a great joy in his heart. Although it had happened centuries later, Andal's wistful promise had been kept.

Ramanuja and his disciples went on to Srivilliputhur, Andal's birthplace. He was startled that every single person encountered there called him 'elder brother'.

It was when he went to the temple built to consecrate Andal that the mystery was solved. A band of girls escorted by their mothers accosted him, beaming, as he entered the temple. "So, you have come, elder brother, to receive the thanks of your little sister!" they exclaimed affectionately. The news had raced ahead of him from Vrishabachala to Srivilliputhur.

Ramanuja was left in communion with the idol of Andal dressed as a bride. "Welcome, elder brother," he heard a merry, young voice say in his heart. "You may have been born years after me, but I went away when I was just a little girl. You, as a man grown, have fulfilled my promise out of loving sympathy. You may have been named after Sri Rama's younger brother. But you are, in fact, Andal's elder brother, the one she never had—until now."

Ramanuja's eyes overflowed and he sat for a long while thinking tender thoughts of God and his 'little sister'. A sanyasi had to renounce all earthly relationships when he took the vow of renunciation. But in place of those, he seemed to find purer bonds with another family, those liberated by their shared love of God.

Ramanuja got up and bade Andal farewell. With the easy strides of a man at perfect peace with himself, he set off with his followers on the walk home to Srirangam.

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Hasina's decision

Ref: *Kangana: New weaponised saffron warrior* (Aug 11). Kangana Ranaut's comments on Sheikh Hasina taking refuge in India has greater relevance than the tone they were made with. The question is, why did the Bangladesh PM choose India to land in and not an Islamist nation like Pakistan, Iran or Afghanistan? It can only be imagined how vehement the Modi-bashing would have been if India had not entertained Sheikh Hasina.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Airport slap

As per public knowledge, it was the woman CISF cop Kulwinder Kaur who slapped Kangana in the Chandigarh airport on June 6. One wonders when it is that Kangana Raut slapped a female cop.
Sridhara V, email

Political mishmash

Ref: *Dhaka to Durham: Misery fuels angst, morphs into hate* (Aug 11). Most of the countries in the world are undergoing the pangs of inflation, steep cost of living and unemployment. The author rightly stated that the mishmash created by the political class globally is responsible for the present plight.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Reduce inequality

The article has correctly observed that the rise of misery is the common factor fuelling agitation and chaos. All governments should relentlessly endeavour to reduce inequality and redistribute resources in such a way that it eradicates involuntary unemployment and poverty.
S Ramakrishnasayee, email

Minority attacked

The atrocities on religious minorities in Bangladesh, particularly Hindus, have been let loose for the past week following the exit of Sheikh Haseena. While the Congress, SP and other INDI parties were highly vocal against the bill to amend the Waqf board's rights, they failed to raise their voice against atrocities in the neighbourhood.
R Kasthurirangan, Bengaluru

Great opportunity

It may be an irony that Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, who once earned the wrath of former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, has been entrusted with the onerous task of calming down the volatile situation in his country. Undoubtedly, this is a great opportunity for Yunus. India badly wants him to succeed in his endeavours. If he decides to lead by example and walk the talk, he can leave behind an indelible legacy.
C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

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POSTS OF THE DAY

N Biren Singh @NBirenSingh
As a commitment to maintaining stability in our state, the Army and BSF have successfully dismantled the Kuki militants' bunkers in Bunglon.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Immediate steps should be taken by the interim government in Bangladesh to ensure the security and safety of the minorities, their houses and places of worship.

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
The revelations by Hindenburg show the extent of support given to PawPaw's favourite industrialist friend that even institutions like SEBI were diluted.

PM push for high-yielding, biofortified crops

Modi releases 109 new seed varieties of 61 crops; move aimed at increasing farm yield as well as farmers' income

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi released 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient and biofortified varieties of 61 crops, including 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops.

The government's decision aims to enhance farm productivity and farmers' income.

Developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), these varieties span 61 crops, including 34 field and 27 horticultural crops.

Modi unveiled the seeds at three experimental agriculture plots at Delhi's Pusa Campus, where he also interacted with farmers and scientists.

PM Narendra Modi during the release of 109 crop varieties, at India Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi on Sunday | PTI

Among the field crops, seeds of various cereals including millets, forage crops, oilseeds, pulses, sugarcane, cotton, fibre and other potential crops were released. Among the horticultural crops, different varieties of fruits, vegetable crops, plantation crops, tuber crops, spices, flowers and medicinal crops were released.

The PM lauded the scientists for the development of these varieties. "These seeds are the best example of a lab-to-land programme," said Modi.

Among the crops released by Modi are 23 cereals, 11 pulses, seven oilseeds, and 40 varieties of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and medicinal plants.

Scientists associated with these high-yielding varieties of crops said there are nine rice seeds, two wheat seeds, six Maize seeds, two pigeon pea and chickpea, and three lentil seeds. To increase the output of oilseeds, the government released two soybean and two groundnut oil seeds.

Among fruits are three mango varieties, two guava, and one pomegranate, and among vegetables, two tomatoes and Indian beans, one each of bottle gourd and okra.

In his interaction with farmers, Modi stressed the significance of value addition in agriculture. He also discussed the importance of millets and underlined how people are moving towards nutritious food.

According to an official statement, Modi stressed the significance of value addition in agriculture while discussing the importance of these new varieties with farmers.

The farmers said that these new varieties would be highly beneficial to them because of a lower input cost.

The farmers lauded the role played by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in creating awareness.

Later addressing the media, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the new seed varieties would help increase farmers' income, enhance production and reduce costs. "The seeds of these crops are climate-friendly, can yield good crops even in adverse weather, and are rich in nutrition," said Chouhan.

Modi suggested that the KVKs proactively informed farmers about the benefits of the new varieties being developed every month to create awareness, the statement said.

Since 2014, Modi has advocated for sustainable farming practices and climate-resilient methodologies to bolster farmers' income.

POWER GAMES

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Top Officers

TIGHT RACE FOR HOME SECY; CAPF SHAKEUP LIKELY

The Union government has started the process of filling up the vacancies in top bureaucracy. Last week, it appointed T V Somanathan as the Cabinet Secretary, Devesh Chaturvedi as Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Sandeep Pondrik as Secretary in the Steel Ministry. Around a dozen more secretaries would be appointed soon. According to sources, the government has short-listed over half a dozen names as a possible replacement for Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, whose extended term ends this month. Among the frontrunners for the post are Vivek Joshi, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Culture Secretary Govind Mohan and Health and Family Welfare Secretary Apurva Chandra. Mohan has served in the Union home ministry as an additional secretary, where he earned the goodwill of Home Minister Amit Shah. Joshi, too, has done a stint in the Union home ministry where he looked after border management, among other things. His experience with border issues and stellar reputation have brought him into contention. Chandra's deft handling of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as a Secretary is said to have caught the government's attention. Sources said that the government is planning a big shakeup at the top level of most of the Central Armed Police Force, namely the BSF, CRPF, CISF, SSB, NSG and ITBP. Heads of some of these organisations may be removed and new officers are likely to be brought in to head them. Among the officers tipped to head one of the CAPFs is Assam Director General of Police G P Singh. Sources said that the volatility at the India-Bangladesh border has made G P Singh a good choice to head one of the CAPFs to handle the sensitive eastern border with his knowledge of the area and experience in handling security issues.

Political Strokes

CONGRESS CROWDFUNDS HARYANA CAMPAIGN

The Congress has asked ticket seekers for the upcoming assembly elections in Haryana to make a cash deposit to register themselves as an aspirant. The general category aspirants have been asked to make a demand draft of Rs 20,000 and those belonging to the OBC or SC category are required to pay Rs 5,000 each. According to sources, over 3000 candidates have deposited DDs for the 90 assembly seats in the state. The party's screening committee headed by AICC Treasurer Ajay Maken will now meet all the 3000 applicants and make a shortlist for the party's Central Election Committee, which will take a final call on ticket allotment. The party had announced July 31 as the last date for the ticket aspirants to deposit DDs and register themselves. However, the overwhelming response forced it to extend the date to August 10. The Congress fortune has been on the upswing in Haryana. The party had lost all 10 Lok Sabha seats in the state in the 2019 elections but managed to win five seats in 2024.

Natwar Singh a 'man of letters': Cong pays tribute to former foreign minister

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

CONGRESS leaders on Sunday condoled former external affairs minister K Natwar Singh's demise with several leaders hailing his profound contribution to India's diplomacy and external affairs.

The 93-year-old former Congress leader passed away on Saturday after prolonged illness.

"Our deepest condolences on the passing away of former Union Minister, K Natwar Singh ji. An acclaimed intellectual and a Padma Bhushan recipient, he made a profound contribution to India's diplomacy and external affairs," wrote Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in a post on X.

An accomplished diplomat, Singh made his mark as a prolific author on subjects ranging from the life of a maharaja to nuances of foreign affairs. Some of his books include *The Legacy of Nehru: A Memorial Tribute* and *My China Diary 1956-88*, and his autobiography *One Life is Not Enough*.

Though Singh was known to be very close to former prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, he fell out with the party after allegations were levelled against him over the oil-for-food scandal during the UPA-I government.

In February 2008, he resigned from the Congress party.

Congress general secretary in charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, said, "A hugely engaging political personality. A distinguished foreign service officer. A cultured man of letters and a noted author with a few classics to his credit. A walking encyclopedia of the worlds of Nehru and Indira Gandhi. A delightful conversationalist, storyteller, and ready wit ... A man whose correspondence with varied men and women are the stuff of history. A wonderful and generous friend with his hospitality and his ever-sharp memory and his deep archive. Natwar Singh was all this and much more."

"He has just passed away after leading a full and richly variegated life. He was truly someone who has left behind his footprints on the sands of time," Ramesh said in an X post.

BJP hopes to strengthen RS tally with upcoming bypolls

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP is likely to strengthen its position in the Rajya Sabha after by-elections for 12 vacant seats are held in September.

The party hopes to be in a position to facilitate the passage of key legislations, including the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, which was introduced in the just-concluded Budget session. The move is seen as a part of the party's tactic to dent the Muslim Pasmanda and woman vote banks. This could add strength to the party's strong campaign in many state elections this year and the next.

According to the available strength in the Rajya Sabha, the BJP has 87 MPs out of the effective strength of 229. With the addition of NDA (National Democratic Alliance) numbers, the strength can go up to 105.

If the votes of the six nominated members, who have generally voted with the government, are taken into account, the NDA's strength would touch 111, which is just four short of the half-way mark of 115 in the Upper House.

On the INDIA bloc side, the Congress has a strength of 26 members in the RS. Together with the allies, the bloc's strength could touch 84. The YSR Congress has 11 members and BJD eight, but they seldom come along with the Opposition.

As per official sources, the elections to the 12 vacant Rajya Sabha seats in nine states will be held on September 3. The Election Commission has announced 12 separate elections for each seat.

BJP sources said the NDA can win 11 out of 12 seats, which will consolidate its position with a majority in the House. "This will certainly take the NDA past the halfway mark to 122 seats in the 245-member House. This would enable us to get all key bills including the Waqf Bill, through in the Rajya Sabha," said a senior BJP leader.

According to official figures, four Rajya Sabha seats from Jammu and Kashmir in the Upper House are also vacant as the Union Territory is yet to get its first assembly in September or October.

A BJP source said 10 Rajya Sabha seats have fallen vacant after its members, including Union ministers Piyush Goyal, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Jyotiraditya Scindia, have been elected to the Lok Sabha.

Recently, K Keshava Rao from Telangana resigned from the House after quitting the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to join the Congress, followed by Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP Mamata Mohanta who also resigned from her Rajya Sabha seat and joined the BJP.

Other Rajya Sabha members who, after being elected to Lok Sabha, have their Rajya Sabha seats vacant include Kamakhya Prasad Tasa (BJP), Misa Bharti (RJD), Vivek Thakur (BJP), Deepender Singh Hooda (Congress), Udayanraje Bhosle (BJP), KC Venugopal (Congress) and Biplab Kumar Deb (BJP).

"It is believed that some important BJP leaders who lost the recent Lok Sabha elections by a slim margin, such as Smriti Irani, could be considered for the Upper House because of their political stature and experiences," said a BJP MP.

If party sources are to be believed, the BJP may send a prominent Muslim face to the Upper House to make it easier for it to soften up the Muslim stand on the Waqf Bill.

Number-crunching

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Protests intensify over Kolkata medico's rape, murder

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A couple of days after a postgraduate student of RG Kar Medical College and hospital was raped and murdered, the West Bengal government on Sunday removed the superintendent of the medical college over alleged lapses.

The decision comes amid protesting students demanding swift action against those responsible and justice for the victim, a 31-year-old second-year postgraduate student.

On Sunday, police handed over the post-mortem report to the victim's family.

Dr Sanjay Vasishta, the superintendent, who had been in charge of the hospital has been replaced by the dean Bulbul Mukhopadhyay.

Seeking a strict law to deal with such crimes, TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said the guilty will not be spared. "If we don't change the law, nothing will change. A strict law should be brought for a speedy trial of the rapists in seven days," he said.

According to police, the trainee doctor was found in a seminar hall of the medical college with injury marks on her body. Autopsy confirmed she was raped before being murdered.

The accused, Sanjoy Roy, was arrested on Saturday and sent to 14-day police custody. The incident has sparked widespread outcry in the state, with medical students and doctors at the college announcing a protest to hold those responsible accountable.

Medical students protest outside North Bengal Medical College and Hospital against the murder of a trainee doctor in RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata, on Sunday | PTI

In a statement issued on Sunday, the protesting doctors accused the hospital administration of neglecting their repeated demands for increased security on the campus.

The resident doctors alleged that the "entire security agency of RG Kar Medical College is flawed" and stated that they "want strict action to be taken". They also stated that their proposals for increased security on the hospital premises by increasing the installation of CCTV cameras with round-the-clock real-time monitoring have not been addressed.

The arrested Sanjoy Roy, reportedly an outsider who had been frequenting the hospital premises, has been charged under Sections 64 (rape) and 103 (murder) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. He has been remanded to police custody till August 23.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has vowed to seek death penalty for the perpetrator, while the opposition BJP targeted the TMC government, attributing the incident to a failed law and order system.

Doctors across country announce indefinite strike

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

> **The tragic events at RG Kar Medical College have left us with no choice. We are compelled to take this stand not just for justice, but to ensure that every doctor, especially women, can work without fear**
>
> Aviral Mathur, FORDA president

RESIDENT doctors at medical colleges and hospitals across the country on Sunday announced an indefinite strike to express solidarity with their colleagues in West Bengal.

In Delhi, doctors from major medical institutions, including Safdarjung Hospital, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Maulana Azad Medical College, and Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, have declared that they will boycott routine services starting Monday. While emergency services will continue, doctors will abstain from elective procedures, including outpatient department services.

Confined to West Bengal earlier, the protest evolved into a nationwide movement after the Federation of Resident Doctors Association (FORDA) announced their support.

The strike has received support from states including Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Madhya Pradesh.

"We never want our patients to suffer, but the tragic events at RG Kar Medical College have left us with no choice. We are compelled to take this stand not just for justice, but to ensure that every doctor, especially women, can work without fear," said FORDA president Aviral Mathur.

Meanwhile, resident doctors in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu are discussing whether to join the strike.

Autonomous institutes under the Central government have not yet announced a strike but are holding candlelight vigils to show solidarity.

Solidarity

Autonomous institutes under the Central government, such as AIIMS in Delhi and GIPMER in Pondicherry, have not yet announced a strike but are holding candlelight vigils to show solidarity.

Statement attributed to Hasina fake, says her son

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A day after a section of media reported that former Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina blamed the US for the crisis that led to the fall of her government, her son Sajeeb Wazed clarified on Sunday that her mother has not issued any such statement.

"The recent resignation statement attributed to my mother published in a newspaper is completely false and fabricated. I have just confirmed with her that she did not make any statement either before or since leaving Dhaka," Wazed posted on X.

Media reports citing Hasina's purported resignation letter quoted her as saying that she could have saved her government if she had agreed to hand over the strategically located St Martin Island to the US. St Martin Island is located 9 km south of Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar-Teknaf peninsula.

Protests continued in Bangladesh on Sunday even as the police force remained passive. "The policemen are sitting in civil clothes in their respective stations. They have a list of demands, which include setting up a separate ministry for them," Professor Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, a political commentator in Dhaka told this newspaper. Gunshots were fired at protesters outside Ismali Bank in Dhaka where a scuffle broke out between the protesters and the bank officials. At least five persons were injured.

BSF said it apprehended 11 Bangladesh nationals who were trying to infiltrate into India.

EXPRESS READ

Over 3k transgenders benefit from Ayushman Arogya

New Delhi: Over 3,000 transgender people have used composite healthcare services under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), according to government data. Andhra Pradesh topped the list of providing a comprehensive health package to transgender people who benefitted under the scheme, which offers a cashless cover of ₹5 lakh to each eligible family yearly. In Andhra Pradesh, as many as 636 transgenders availed the services, followed by Maharashtra, where 594 transgenders benefitted from the scheme, touted as the world's largest government-funded health insurance scheme. According to data shared in Parliament during the monsoon session, the other states where the transgender community has availed facilities extended under the scheme are Gujarat (320), Karnataka (258), Chhattisgarh (271), Tamil Nadu (131), Bihar (123), Uttar Pradesh (90), Telangana (83), Jammu and Kashmir (72), and Manipur (61). **ENS**

DOWRY DEATH

Five members of a family were arrested on Sunday for allegedly harassing and torturing a 25-year-old woman for dowry and causing her death in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said.

2 WAGONS OF ENGINE TRAIN DERAIL IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	26	Mumbai	29	26
Bhopal	27	25	Panaji	29	25
Jaipur	31	27	Patna	33	29
Amritsar	33	23	Lucknow	31	27
Chennai	39	28	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	32	28	Imphal	27	23
Srinagar	30	21	Chandigarh	32	27

● Five labourers die after getting trapped in flash flood ● Incessant rains spell trouble for many tourists in Rajasthan & Uttarakhand

9 of HP wedding party swept away

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

TRAGEDY struck a family on its way to attend a wedding in Nawanshahr of Punjab from Una in Himachal Pradesh when nine of its members were swept away along with their SUV following a sudden flooding of a rivulet near Jejon town of Punjab's Hoshiarpur district, police sources said.

One person is missing while another has been rescued.

In another incident, five labourers died in Himachal after being trapped in a flash flood in Bathu Bathri industrial area of Una district. The industrial area has suffered damage to properties worth more than Rs 100 crore due to flash floods.

Due to heavy rains, a flood-like developed in the local rivulet in Bathu Bathri area. The water entered the industrial units located along the rivulet and thus caused massive damage.

Five persons living in a slum near the rivulet were killed after being trapped in the flash flood.

Sources said Deepak Bhatia of Una district along with his nine family members (his parents, uncle aunts, his two daughters and a son) was on his way to Nawanshahr when their vehicle tried to cross the rivulet near Mahilpur block of Hoshiarpur district of Punjab. River water suddenly rushed in following which the vehicle got stuck and minutes later, it was washed away in the strong currents.

A portion of Matour Shimla four-lane road near Ranital was washed away in heavy rains. The portion of the road sank after an old retaining wall along the road gave way. The debris from the portion of the road damaged the Pathankot-Jogindernagar narrow-gauge railway track, said sources.

Meanwhile, more than 280 roads in Himachal Pradesh have been closed due to landslides and flash floods over the last two days. Of these, 150 roads were closed yesterday. More than 100 people have died in rain-related incidents in the hill state between June 27 and August 9 while damage to properties has been estimated at Rs 842 crore.

The Lahaul and Spiti police have issued an advisory for residents and travellers to exercise caution and not to cross the Jahalman Nallah as its water level was rapidly rising.

SUV swept away in the flooded rivulet near Jejon town of Punjab's Hoshiarpur district | EXPRESS

Bridge in Bihar gets cracks

Yet another bridge in Bihar's Kishanganj district is likely to collapse as it has developed cracks, officials said on Sunday The approaching road of the bridge near Gubawari under Dighalbank block in Kishanganj district has already been damaged due to increased flow of water in the Kankai river. The traffic on the bridge has been asked to stop as a precautionary measure.

Cracks surface in key bridge near U'khand's Rudraprayag

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

HEAVY rains in Uttarakhand triggered multiple landslides in the Rudraprayag district, and cracks were witnessed in a key bridge connecting the district with Kedarnath, official said on Sunday

According to the Rudraprayag District Disaster Management office, landslides have occurred on the Kund-Ukhimath-Chopta-Gopeshwar highway, and the stability of the iron bridge over the Mandakini river in Kund, which connects the Rudraprayag-Gaurikund National Highway to Kedarghati and Kedarnath, is under threat due to strong river currents.

"Cracks have appeared on the bridge, and the foundation of one of its pillars has eroded rapidly, posing a risk of a major accident", said Nandan Singh Rajwar, the disaster management officer.

Officials from the National Highway Construction Division, PWD, inspected the bridge site and immediately banned the movement of heavy vehicles.

Expressing concerns, the officials alarmed the administration and NH authorities about the threat to the local population. The situation remains grim, with no respite from the rains in sight, officials said. Meanwhile, the Uttarakhand government has sounded a high alert in the affected areas, with emergency services on standby to respond to any further emergencies.

15 people drown, five missing in parts of Rajasthan

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

HEAVY rains across Rajasthan led to the tragic death of 15 people on Sunday. The fatalities occurred in various districts: seven in Bharatpur, three in Jhunjhunu, three in Karauli, one in Jodhpur, and one in Banswara. In separate incidents, five youths drowned in Kanota Dam near Jaipur, and a search operation was started on Sunday evening to locate the victims.

The worst rain-related tragedy happened in Bharatpur where seven youngsters, aged between 14 and 22, lost their lives due to drowning. All victims were from Srinagar village, with three being cousins. They had gone to the river to bathe and record social media reels when the water level surged unexpectedly.

Despite the efforts of local villagers who worked for an hour to recover the bodies, the current was too strong to save them in time. Two bodies were taken to RBM Hospital in Bharatpur, while the other five are at a nearby mortuary. The incident occurred during severe weather conditions, with continuous rain over the past two days causing a huge inflow into the Panchana Dam. On Sunday afternoon, six of the dam's gates were opened, leading many locals, including the victims, to gather at the dam to witness the event. The sudden rise in water trapped the group on a small island, and despite villagers' attempts to help, rescue efforts were thwarted by the strong current.

District Collector Amit Yadav confirmed the identities of the deceased: Pawan Jatav (20), son of Uday Singh; Saurabh Jatav (14), son of Tan Singh; Bhupendra Jatav (18), son of Dashrath; Shantanu Jatav (18), son of Khem Singh; Lucky Jatav (20), son of Pritam Singh; Pawan Singh Jatav (22), son of Sugan Singh; and Gaurav Jatav (16), son of Prakash.

In a similar tragedy in Jhunjhunu, three youths drowned in a pond in Mehrana village. The victims, from the nearby village of Sanwalod, had visited the Mehrana Mata temple and decided to bathe in the pond. Mukesh, a resident of Sanwalod who was with the group, had warned them about the potential dangers of the pond.

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Assembly speaker inaugurates art gallery

Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan inaugurated a grand art gallery at the Himalayan Cultural Auditorium, showcasing artworks created by Cadet Officers of the Indian Military Academy (IMA). Praising the artistic talents of the IMA officers, speaker Bhushan remarked, "This art gallery is an excellent example of the artistic prowess and creative perspective of our armed forces. These artworks not only demonstrate a deep understanding of art but also reflect patriotism and dedication." Ritu Khanduri Bhushan commended the IMA officers for their unique initiative.

Sawan utsav celebrated at Dhami's residence

Sawan Utsav celebrations at the CM's residence on Sunday featured cultural programmes based on Teej, showcasing Uttarakhand's folk songs and dances. Chief guest Gurmeet Kaur welcomed all the women gathered, saying, "We have come together to celebrate Sawan Utsav. The earth blooms in Sawan, and Uttarakhand is adorned with greenery everywhere." Geeta Dhami said, "Haritalika Teej is a festival of beauty, love, joy, and marital bliss. It brings us all on one platform and embodies our nation's cultural legacy and highlights the connection between nature and humans.

RS MP pushes for AIIMS Rishikesh expansion

Dr Naresh Bansal, Rajya Sabha MP from Uttarakhand, has highlighted the need for the expansion of AIIMS Rishikesh in the Upper House. He emphasised that AIIMS Rishikesh, located in Dehradun district, serves not only the people of Uttarakhand but also those from western Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh. "The ever-increasing patient load has put additional pressure on AIIMS Rishikesh, making it essential to expand its facilities and increase the number of medical and nursing staff to provide timely treatment," he said. He reminded the House that the foundation stone was laid on February 2, 2004, by then Union minister Sushma Swaraj.

VIOLENCE UNABATED

Blast rocks ex-Manipur MLA's house, wife killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

THE wife of a former Manipur MLA was killed in a bomb blast at her residence.

Sapam Charubala, a Meitei woman and wife of former Kuki-Zo MLA Yamthong Haokip, was cleaning her courtyard at E Mulam village of Saikul in Kuki-majority Kangpokpi district when the explosion occurred at around 3 pm on Saturday, leaving her grievously injured.

The 59-year-old was rushed to a local hospital but as her condition deteriorated, she was shifted to a hospital in the state capital Imphal with assistance from neutral parties. However, she succumbed to her injuries later.

Haokip and their two daughters were also at the residence but they escaped unhurt. In a complaint lodged with the local police station, the former MLA wrote, "I would like to bring to your notice that while cleaning the house and compound, and burning wastes yesterday, my wife was hit by an explosive item, most likely a bomb."

He said due to injuries caused by the blast and excessive bleeding, his wife succumbed to her injuries. "I would like to request you to take up an on-spot investigation and inquire what type of explosive material hit my wife," the former MLA further wrote in his complaint. No arrest was made when reports last came in. The police said they were probing the case.

The incident comes close on the heels of the killing of three people during a gunfight between the members of insurgent group UKLF and Kuki village volunteers in the Tengnoupal district on Friday.

Civilian dead, forces step up anti-terror ops

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

SECURITY forces have launched massive anti-militancy operations in the forest areas of Kokernag and Kishtwar after a civilian succumbed to injuries sustained in the gunfight between militants and security forces in Kokernag in south Kashmir on Saturday, taking the death toll in the encounter to three.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vidhi Kumar Birdi said a massive search operation is going on in the Ahlan Gagarmandu forest area in Kokernag to track down a group of militants hiding in the forest area and responsible for yesterday's encounter.

He said security forces had received inputs about the presence of foreign militants in the forest area of Ahlan Gagarmandu in Kokernag and search operation was going on since the last few days.

"Yesterday, security forces detected movement of foreign terrorists and challenged them. There was an exchange of gunfire in which two soldiers were killed and another injured," the IGP said.

IGP suspects 3-4 militants hiding

The IGP said it is being investigated why the two civilians were present in the area and what they were doing there. He said it is being suspected that a group of 3-4 militants are hiding in the forest area. The IGP, however, did not rule out sneaking of foreign terrorists from nearby mountainous Doda district in Kokernag forest area.

The deceased soldiers were identified as Havaldar Dipak Kumar Yadav and Lance Naik Praveen Sharma.

Two civilians also sustained injuries in the encounter. The injured were evacuated to nearby hospital, where one of them succumbed to injuries in the morning today.

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The defence spokesman said through human and technical intelligence, it has been confirmed that terrorists involved in terror acts in Doda have sneaked across into Kapran Garol area in South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The area where the search operation is taking place is above 10,000 feet in high altitude, has thick undergrowth, large boulders, nallahs and reentrants that poses serious challenge to security operations, defence spokesman said. The anti-militancy operation was hampered by rains and bad weather today.

"Due to inclement weather, the drones and aerial surveillance did not prove beneficial. The security men used sniffer dogs to locate the militants," a security official said.

Meanwhile, a joint contingent of police, CRPF and army have also launched another major anti-militancy operation in Naagseni Peyaas and adjoining forest areas in Kishtwar district.

Search launched for MP women brandishing guns in viral video

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

VIRAL videos and pictures of two women brandishing guns in two districts have brought to fore the thriving gun culture in Gwalior-Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh.

One video, showing a woman washing country-made pistols, has led police to bust an illegal arms unit in Morena district. The other video of a woman with a pistol prompted police in Datia to search for her, called 'katta queen' in social media.

The video of a woman washing newly made country-made pistols went viral on social media on Saturday. In the video, a man can be heard asking her to clean the kattas with washing powder to improve their shine.

"After verification of the video, a police team raided a house in Ganeshpura area from where an illegal arms unit was being operated for the last six months," Mahua police station in-charge Pawan Singh told reporters. Three country-made pistols and many half-made guns were seized from the house along with equipment and raw material used to make guns illegally. In Datia, pictures showing a woman brandishing a gun went viral.

According to sources, the pictures showing the woman smiling with a country-made pistol in hand is from Gopalpura village of Jigna police station area of Datia district, neighbouring UP. The viral pictures prompted people to dub the woman 'katta queen' on social media.

"Investigations have begun to ascertain the veracity of the pictures and find out who is the woman wielding the gun," said Datia additional superintendent of police Sunil Shivhare.

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Pawan Singh, Mahua police

What's in the video?

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Women power in the saddle in 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WOMEN IAS officers are heading the administration in 13 of the 75 districts in Uttar Pradesh, signifying changing social dynamics. In Bahraich, top three officers are women — Monica Rani is the district magistrate (DM), Vrinda Shukla the police chief and Ramya R the chief development officer (CDO).

These officers bring about a significant change in local governance with a thrust on gender sensitisation. They are also not behind their male counterparts when it comes to enforcement, people say. Bahraich, for example, topped in the state for resolving public grievances in June.

Divya Mittal, an IITian, helms eastern UP district Deoria. In September 2023, when she was transferred from Mirzapur as the DM, there was a protest by people in her support. One of her initiatives was to get piped water to parched villages. Now back in the field in Deoria, her zeal is the same. "This is just sun, I won't melt," she told her colleagues in a viral video of her field inspection when they requested her to move to a shed.

"From the DM to the city magistrate, all are always available to listen to our problems, which is very helpful for us," said a woman e-rickshaw driver in Bahraich. Police official says, now men encourage their wives to lodge complaints at police stations hoping that redressal would be faster with women officers in command.

Several other initiatives like Asha Jyoti Kendra for women's welfare and a One Stop Centre to assist survivors of gender-based violence have also been introduced.

After Neha Sharma took charge as Auraiya DM, the district got breast-feeding cubicles. Hapur, Hathras, Kasgnaj, Gonda, Amethi, Raebareli, Sultanpur, Fatehpur, Banda , Deorai and Gahzipur also have women DMs.

Major change

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Trainer aircraft crashes in MP's Guna due to snags, two pilots injured

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TWO pilots were injured after the two-seater trainer aircraft they were flying reportedly crashed possibly due to technical snags near the airstrip in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh on Sunday.

The two-seater Cessna 152 plane owned by a private flying school in Karnataka's Belgaum was recently brought to the Sha-Shib Flying Academy in MP's Guna district for correcting some technical problems.

After correcting the technical snags through necessary servicing and maintenance works, it took off on a test flight on Sunday afternoon, but after successfully flying for around 40 minutes, it crashed within the clutch of trees close to the airstrip possibly following some technical snags.

Both the pilots who were on board the trainer aircraft suffered injuries and were rushed to a hospital, where they are stated out of danger, the Guna Cantt police station in-charge Dinesh Rajoria said.

According to reports from Guna, just five months back, a Cessna 172 aircraft had reportedly skidded off the same airstrip.

Guna district is part of the Lok Sabha constituency of union telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who was the union civil aviation minister in the Modi 2.0 regime.

18 killed
After a landfill site crashes in Uganda's capital

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	25	LR	Los Angeles	34	20	SNY
Colombo	31	27	SNY	Melbourne	14	8	LR
Dhaka	34	28	LR	Moscow	24	13	SNY
Dubai	40	33	SNY	New York	29	20	SNY
Houston	27	24	LR	Singapore	32	28	SNY
Istanbul	32	24	SNY	Toronto	25	17	SNY
London	20	16	LR	Washington	24	13	SNY

Fearing air strikes, Gazans again flee Khan Younis after evac order

Israel says Hamas militants have taken refuge in northern neighbourhood of Khan Younis

KHAN YOUNIS

HUNDREDS of Gazans fled the northern neighbourhoods of Khan Younis on Sunday after Israel issued fresh evacuation orders ahead of a new operation against Hamas. Israel said Hamas militants have taken refuge there.

Early in the morning the army dropped leaflets and sent mobile phone messages telling residents to leave the Al-Jalaa area of Khan Younis, which was already considered a humanitarian safe zone.

The military warned Al-Jalaa will become a "dangerous combat zone", forcing Palestinians already displaced numerous times by the Gaza war to pack up and leave looking for a new shelter.

Families gathered their meagre belongings and left the area, fearing fresh missile strikes and fighting.

Crowds of people, mainly from the Hamad neighbourhood in Al-Jalaa, left with whatever they could lay their hands on, some loading mattresses, clothing and cooking utensils into pick-up trucks, while others simply walked with their bags. Young men and women escorted elderly family members, while others tried to catch a ride to safer zones.

"The IDF (Israeli army) is about to operate against the terrorist organisations in the area and therefore calls on the remaining population left in the Al-Jalaa neighbourhood to temporarily evacuate," the military said in a statement.

Palestinians with meagre belongings on Sunday flee the Hamad residential district in Khan Younis, south Gaza, after the Israeli army dropped leaflets and sent messages on mobile phone early in the morning asking them to leave the area | AP

Khan Younis, Gaza's main southern governorate, had already been hit with several evacuation orders in past weeks and devastated by months of bombardment that have reduced residential blocks to piles of rubble.

"Just in the past few days, more than 75,000 people have been displaced in southwest Gaza," said on X Philippe Lazzarini, head of the UN refugee agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA. Lazzarini said the new evacuation orders sent many people fleeing from the early hours of Sunday.

"Some are only able to carry their children with them, some carry their whole lives in one small bag," he said.

"The people of Gaza are trapped and have nowhere to go." The army also carried out a strike in Khan Younis on Sunday, wounding several people who were treated at a hospital.

"They were all civilians and they were shopping in the market when a missile hit and left people lying in the streets," said a resident.

The military has often returned to areas of Gaza where it had previously fought Palestinian militants, only to find them resurfacing or to act on intelligence about the location of hostages.

AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 310

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German Chancellor expresses concern

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz expressed concern about a regional escalation of the Gaza war in a phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday, his spokesman Wolfgang Buechner said in a statement. Scholz "emphasised that now was the time to finalise the agreement on the release of the hostages and a ceasefire"

Abbas to visit Russia today to discuss war

Palestinian Authority President Mahmud Abbas will visit Moscow today to discuss the Gaza war with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a Palestinian envoy said. Palestinian ambassador in Moscow as said Abbas will arrive on Monday and meet Putin on Tuesday and both leaders will talk about Russia's role, what can be done

Zelenskyy confirms recent military incursion into Kursk

KYIV

DAYS after Ukraine began a surprise military incursion into Russia's Kursk border region, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy broke the government's silence on it late Saturday by indirectly acknowledging ongoing military actions to 'push the war out into the aggressor's territory' in his address.

Ukraine's incursion into Russia continued for a sixth day Sunday. It's the largest such attack since the Moscow launched its full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022 and is unprecedented for its use of Ukrainian military units on Russian soil.

Ukraine's raid into Russia caught Moscow unaware and was an embarrassment to Russian military leaders who have scrambled to contain the breach. Evacuation of civilians living in Russia's border areas with Ukraine continued on Sunday. Russian state television aired footage of evacuees at a tent camp in the city of Kursk. According to the report by *RTR*, more than 20 temporary accommodation centers have been set up in the region.

Residents of an apartment building damaged after shelling by the Ukrainian side leave an area in Kursk, Russia, on Sunday | AP

The exact aims of the operation remain unclear, and Ukrainian military officials have adopted a policy of secrecy. Military experts have said that it is likely intended to draw Russian reserves away from the intense fighting in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, while a presidential adviser suggested that it may strengthen Kyiv's hand in any future negotiations with Russia.

But Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Sunday that Ukraine 'understands perfectly well' that the recent attacks 'make no sense from a military point of view.'

"The Kyiv regime is continuing its terrorist activity with the sole purpose of intimidating the peaceful population of Russia," she added.

Overnight into Sunday, a Russian drone and missile barrage on Kyiv killed two people, including a 4-year-old boy.

Russia attacked Ukraine with four ballistic missiles and 57 Shahed drones, Ukraine's air force said. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Withdrew from race so Dems can focus: Biden

US President Joe Biden on Sunday in his first interview since ending his re-election bid said that he decided to withdraw from the presidential election because he did not want to create "a real distraction" for the Democrats and let them fully concentrate on preventing Donald Trump from regaining the White House.

Trump campaign team blames Iran for stealing sensitive internal files

WASHINGTON

FORMER President Donald Trump's presidential campaign said on Saturday that it has been hacked and suggested Iranian actors were involved in stealing and distributing sensitive internal documents.

The campaign provided no specific evidence of Iran's involvement, but the claim comes a day after Microsoft issued a report detailing foreign agents' attempts to interfere in the US campaign in 2024.

It cited an instance of an Iranian military intelligence unit in June sending 'a spear-phishing email to a high-ranking official of a presidential campaign from a compromised email account of a former senior advisor.'

Trump campaign spokesperson Steven Cheung blamed the hack on 'foreign sources hostile to the United States.' A spokesperson for the National Security Council said in a statement that it takes any report of improper foreign interference 'extremely seriously' and condemns any government or entity that attempts to undermine confidence in US democratic institutions, but said it deferred to the Justice Department on this matter.

J D Vance & Donald Trump

Iran's mission to the United Nations, when asked about the claim of the Trump campaign, denied being involved. "We do not accord any credence to such reports," the mission said.

"The Iranian government neither possesses nor harbours any intent or motive to interfere in the United States presidential election."

However, Iran long has been suspected of running hacking campaigns targeting its enemies in the Middle East and beyond. Tehran also long has threatened to retaliate against Trump over the 2020 drone strike he ordered that killed Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

The Justice Department unsealed criminal charges against a Pakistani with ties to Iran alleged to have plotted assassination attempts in the US. *AP*

B'desh govt threatens media with closure for spreading fake news

DHAKA

BANGLADESH's interim government on Sunday issued a stern warning to media organisations, stating that they will be shut down if they publish or broadcast false or misleading news, in a move aimed at curbing the spread of misinformation. "A nation falters when the media does not uphold the truth," the interim government's Home Affairs Adviser, Brigadier General (retd) M Sakhawat Hossain, said during his visit to injured policemen at Rajarbagh Central Police Hospital.

He warned that the media outlets would face closure if they provided misleading news, the *Dhaka Tribune* newspaper reported.

Criticising the media for not presenting the truth, Hossain said, "A country deteriorates when the media fails to report honestly," and argued that had the media accurately reported events, the current situation involving the police might have been avoided. "The media often ignores the truth...There is a lack of substantive discussion on talk shows, and the media fails to provide accurate information," he said.

Meanwhile, Nahid Islam, adviser for Posts, Telecommunications, and Information Technology, said action will be taken against officials involved in the internet shutdown during the recent student protests.

Talking to journalists on the first day of joining his office at the Secretariat on Sunday, Nahid emphasised that those responsible for the internet shutdown during the protests will face consequences, the *Daily Star* newspaper reported.

He said access to the internet is a right and disrupting or shutting it down is a violation of human rights. Nahid asserted that the indiscriminate internet shutdowns will no longer be tolerated.

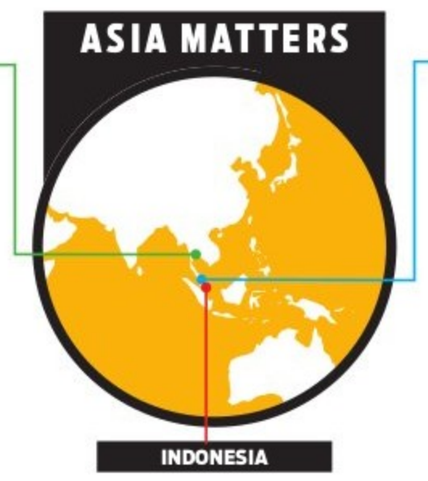
Bangladesh witnessed frequent Internet shutdowns during the recent protests against the Hasina government.

Over 500 police personnel were injured and 42 killed during the recent protests. *PTI*

Refaat Ahmed sworn in as new CJ of Bangladesh

Syed Refaat Ahmed was sworn in as Bangladesh's new chief justice on Sunday, a day after Obaidul Hassan stepped down as the top judge following an ultimatum by the protesters demanding a revamp of the judiciary. Hassan and five other judges of the apex Appellate Division on Saturday tendered their resignation, five days after the fall of Sheikh Hasina's regime amid massive street protests. His resignation came as protesters issued an ultimatum to him to resign.

ASIA MATTERS



THAILAND

REINCARNATION OF MFP CHALLENGED

The royalist leader of the Thai Pakdee Party has demanded a probe into the status of the People's Party to which MPs of the disbanded Move Forward Party (MFP) have just moved, questioning whether the destination party has enough branches to be qualified, *Bangkok Post* reported. Thai Pakdee Party leader Dr Warong Dechgitvigrom said on his Facebook page on that he would ask the EC to investigate whether the People's Party should be disqualified for having too few branches. He said that the People's Party was the renamed version of old party.

INDONESIA

GOLKAR PARTY CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Golkar Party chairman Airlangga Hartarto resigned at the peak of a political tussle ahead of the power transition from the administration of President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo to the incoming government of Prabowo Subianto and the regional elections later this year, *The Jakarta Post* reported.

MALAYSIA

PM ANWAR'S HEALTH AT OPTIMAL LEVEL

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's health is at an optimal level, says the Selangor Health Department. In a statement on Sunday, the department said the Prime Minister had an annual health check-up conducted by a team of medical experts at the Sultan Idris Shah Hospital in Serdang, The Star reported. "The results show that the Prime Minister's health level is in good condition and is at an optimal level," the department said, added he remained enthusiastic to continue shouldering the responsibility of uplifting the country.

Iran prez Pezeshkian names one woman in cabinet

TEHRAN

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian presented his cabinet to parliament on Sunday, notably including a woman and a Western-friendly diplomat as the country's foreign minister. Parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf announced the names of the 19-member cabinet presented by the president during an assembly session broadcast live on state television.

For the post of foreign minister, Pezeshkian has named Abbas Araghchi, a 61-year-old career diplomat who has led nuclear negotiations.

Pezeshkian has also nominated one woman, Farzaneh Sadegh, who would become only the second Iranian woman to hold a ministerial post since the Islamic republic was established in 1979.

The 48-year-old is set to head the ministry of roads and urban development.

The president has named as his future interior minister General Eskandar Momeni, a 60-year-old police commander and former member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. General Aziz Nasirzadeh, a former commander of the Iranian Air Force and deputy chief of staff of the armed forces since 2021, is set to take the helm of the defence ministry. The president has chosen as his future oil minister Mohsen Paknezhad, a 58-year-old executive director with a long career in the country's energy industry.

Parliament is set to begin reviewing candidates on Monday and submit them to a vote by lawmakers starting Saturday.

In Iran, the vote of confidence is performed by each minister individually, rather than the government as a whole. *AFP*

Parliament vote on Sat

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CURRICULUM

UK schools to teach on how to spot fake news

LONDON

THE UK government said on Sunday schools in England could teach children how to spot extremist and online content spreading "putrid conspiracy theories", under planned changes to the curriculum.

Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson said she was launching a review of the curriculum in primary and secondary schools to introduce critical thinking across subjects.

"It's more important than ever that we give young people the knowledge and skills to be able to challenge what they see online," Phillipson told the *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper.

Under the envisaged changes, students would analyse newspaper articles in English lessons to help spot fabricated clickbait, while computer classes would include analysing statistics in context.

It follows recent disorder in a dozen English towns and cities following the Southport knife attack, which were fuelled by misinformation online. *AFP*

Cash crunch hits humanities programmes in US colleges

US colleges large and small trying to make ends meet are slashing degree programmes as funding dries up and number of students attending campus is falling, too. These programme cuts are creating turmoil for students who chose a certain programmes only to be informed late that it is no longer offered

- Arkansas State University announced last fall it was phasing out nine programs. Three of the 64 colleges in the State University of New York system have cut programs amid low enrollment and budget woes
- Experts say it's just the beginning. Even schools that aren't immediately making cuts are reviewing their offerings. At Pennsylvania State University, officials are looking for duplicative and under-enrolled academic programmes as students shrinks
- Other schools phasing out programmes include West Virginia University, Drake University in Iowa, the University of Nebraska campus in Kearney, North Dakota State University and, Dickinson
- Two of North Carolina's public universities got the green light last month to eliminate more than a dozen degree programs ranging from ancient Mediterranean studies to physics
- Minnesota college announced a plan to eliminate its music department as it slashes 42 degree programs and 50 minors
- For years, many colleges held off making cuts, said Larry Lee, who was acting president of St. Cloud State but left last month to lead Blackburn College in Illinois. College enrollment declined during the pandemic, but officials hoped the figures would recover to pre-COVID levels, he said
- Particularly affected are students in smaller in humanities programmes, which now graduate a smaller share of students than 15 years ago

Karachi develops fine taste for pure vegetarian Indian dishes

KARACHI

Pakistan's industrial and financial centre Karachi has become the food capital for the foodies of the cosmopolitan city, with the latest trend being an acquired taste for authentic and refined Indian vegetarian dishes such as 'soyabean aloo biryani', 'aloo tikkis', 'vada pav', 'masala dosa' and 'dhokla'.

The foodies in recent months have also developed a taste for "pure vegetarian" dishes.

Mahesh Kumar, who owns the small Maharaj Karamchand Vegetarian Foods Inn inside a historical old compound of the bustling M A Jinnah Road, said his business is booming as people have developed a taste for vegetarian dishes known in Karachi as "pure vegetarian Indian dishes".

Kavita, who started a food stall in the Cantt area eight months ago, sells vegetarian dishes and can barely keep up with the rush to her stall. *PTI*

Investment in IIFL fund made before joining Sebi: Buchs

The Buchs said investment in a fund promoted by IIFL Wealth Management was as Singapore-based private citizens, and made 2 yrs before Madhabi joined Sebi

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE US-based short seller Hindenburg Research is attempting to attack the credibility of the market watchdog Sebi and indulging in character assassination of its chairperson, Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval have said denying any wrong doings or suppression of facts.

In a detailed statement issued on Sunday evening in response to allegations made by Hindenburg, the Buchs said their investment in a fund promoted by IIFL Wealth Management was as Singapore-based private citizens, and made two years before Madhabi joined Sebi as a whole-time member.

They said Dhaval, a senior advisor with American private equity major Blackstone since 2019, is not associated with the real estate side of the US-headquartered investor. The statement also says that Madhabi's two consulting companies immediately became "dormant" upon her appointment at Sebi in 2017 as a whole-time member. "Hindenburg has been served a show cause notice for a variety of violations in India. It is unfortunate that instead of replying to the show-cause notice, they have chosen to attack the credibility of the Sebi and attempt character assassination of the Sebi chairperson," they said and described this statement as a private response on the allegations made against them as individuals and that the Sebi as an institution will address the comments made against it separately at an appropriate time.

In a short statement issued soon after the short-seller came up with its latest report last night, the Buchs termed the allegations as "baseless and insinuations aimed at character assassination." Hindenburg has alleged that it suspects Sebi's unwillingness to act against the Adani group may be because Madhabi Buch had stakes in offshore funds linked to the conglomerate. The Buchs said this statement is to show "our commitment to complete transparency." "There are certain allegations made against Sebi which would be addressed by the institution independently. We would like to address the issues pertaining to us in our personal capacity."

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The Buchs

Noting that Madhabi is an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad and has had a corporate career of over two decades in banking and financial services, largely with the ICICI Group, while Dhaval, an alumnus of IIT Delhi and has had a corporate career of 35 years in Hindustan Unilever and then in Unilever globally, have accrued their savings through their salaries, bonuses and stock options. "Insinuations about our net worth and investments referencing Madhabi's current government salary is malicious and motivated," the statement said.

From 2010 to 2019, Dhaval worked in London and in Singapore, both with Unilever while from 2011 to March 2017, Madhabi worked from Singapore, initially as an employee of a private equity firm and subsequently as a consultant. On the reason for making this invest in this fund was "because the chief investment officer of the fund Anil Ahuja is Dhaval's childhood friend from school and IIT Delhi and, being an ex-employee of Citibank, JP Morgan and 3i Group Plc, had many decades of an investing career. The fact that these were the drivers of the investment decision is borne out by the fact that when, in 2018, Ahuja left his position as CIO of the fund, we redeemed the investment in that fund and that at no point in time did the fund invest in any bond, equity, or derivative of any Adani group company."

On Dhaval joining Blackstone Private Equity as a senior advisor in 2019 was due to his expertise in supply chain management and that his appointment pre-dates Madhabi's appointment as the Sebi chairperson in March 2022. They also clarified that at no time has Dhaval been associated with the real estate side of Blackstone.

Adani group, IIFL slam 'discredited' Hindenburg

'Such comments are hurdles'

Amfi warned that if such comments are "left unchecked, it can create unnecessary hurdles in the path of our growth." It says our financial system is secure.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Adani group and the brokerage IIFL have denied the allegations made against them by the US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research, the mutual funds lobby Amfi though not accused of any wrong doing issued a long note defending the regulatory robustness of the domestic market and the contributions that the present Sebi chief, who is in the thick of the allegations, has made to achieve this.

The Adani group has rejected the allegations as "merely a recycling of discredited accusations that have been thoroughly investigated, proven baseless, and dismissed by the Supreme Court in January 2024." The statement further claimed that the group's overseas holding structure is fully transparent, with all relevant details disclosed regularly in public documents. It also clarified that Anil Ahuja, mentioned in the allegations, was a nominee director of three investment funds in Adani Power during 2007-08 and later served as a director of Adani Enterprises until 2017.

MONEY MATTERS

HOW TO FOLLOW THE SMART MONEY

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

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STOCK markets are a confluence of a variety of investors. They are broadly categorized into retail and institutional investors. If you dive more deeply, individual or retail investors can be categorized into small and high-net-worth individuals. If you are not among the wealthy, you are a retail investor. Over four crore people like you own mutual funds and demat accounts. In a country of 140 crore people, that is still a tiny number but much higher than less than two crore about five years ago.

The annual report of the Securities and Exchange Board of India was published last week. It makes a lot of interesting observations. While there is coverage about institutional investor activity, there is little information about a category of investors that could be put under 'smart money'. These are clients managed by portfolio management services or PMS. The Sebi annual report highlights that high-networth individuals (HNIs) are seeking professional help outside the ambit of the traditional mutual fund industry. They want more customization of financial advice, which is creating a fast-growing private wealth management industry.

If you speak to private wealth managers, they will tell you that these investors catch trends early due to active advisor support. These investors usually lead the way in most local markets around the world. Small investors are precisely the opposite. They usually are the last ones to get into a stock market rally.

According to the Sebi annual report, as of March 2024, about 1,61,571 wealthy clients invested over Rs 33 lakh crore in equity and debt markets. About 80% of that money is in listed debt instruments if you dive deeper into finding the data. That means the rich people focus on preserving their capital more than taking risks. The data on where the smart money goes is not mentioned in Sebi's annual report. You must go through the monthly industry data published by Sebi on the website. They have increased their allocation to equities over the past few years as a percentage of total investment. However, debt instruments remain a dominant avenue for storing wealth.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

Another group has also cut their ownership in the equity markets. Those are promoters of listed companies. The aggregate data shows a decline in the promoters' stake in listed companies. That shows business owners believe that their companies' valuation is on top, and it is an excellent time to cash out. There is usually a very marginal change in the promoter ownership. However, as share prices rallied over the past three years, promoter ownership in listed companies on the National Stock Exchange fell to 41% now from 44% three years ago.

The money promoters raise is a sizeable amount for personal use and finds its way into real estate or fixed-income instruments. Too many investor-owned luxury apartments in Mumbai exemplify how the rich deploy their money. There is not much consistent information about property ownership by investors in the real estate sector.

The Reserve Bank of India has expressed concern about financial savings moving from bank deposits to equity or derivatives markets. So much so that the latest credit policy flags that as a risk to financial stability. There is a slowdown in the deposit growth compared to the credit growth.

While your fundamental right allows you to move your money at will, you must ensure that all your eggs are not in high-risk, high-return instruments. You must plan your investments carefully to achieve your long-term and short-term financial goals. Investing in sophisticated derivative products without understanding the basics of investing is a recipe for disaster. You could lose your hard-earned money and never return to financial assets. The future involves knowing more about your investments and working with a professional advisor to build a strong portfolio. The advisor cannot be your relative or a close friend. Financial planning is not just about investing. It is also about the way you manage your income and expenditure. Borrowing to spend is not a good habit. It is as bad as investing without knowledge.

MONEY-WISE

WEALTH CREATION! LEARN TO PAY YOURSELF FIRST

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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MANY of you would have heard of this before, however, for those who have not, Pay Yourself First is a great way of creating wealth for you in the long run. Paying yourself first is a powerful strategy that can transform your financial life and set you on the path to long-term financial success. By prioritising saving (and investing), automating SIP contributions, and staying disciplined in your financial habits, you can build wealth steadily over time and achieve your financial goals. Invariably this discipline helps you in other aspects of your life too!

What it means is that when you get your salary, PAY YOURSELF before you pay anyone else. Step One is of course to set your goals and when you get the salary credited make sure that all the SIPs –for buying a house, a car, marriage, retirement etc., get debited before you are tempted to spend it on something else.

There are huge advantages of paying yourself first –

- You avoid the temptation of spending the money,
- You avoid procrastination –let me invest next week, or after the weekend or any such excuse
- The SIPs have been thought out and now it is just the execution
- You are teaching your 'muscle' to say save
- Saving money is a difficult art to learn – and you are on your way to learn it
- Money starts compounding as soon as you convert that saving to investing.

It is easier to save and learn to invest when you are young, unmarried and not supporting anyone. So if you start learning about saving and investing, the better it is for you in the long run.

How should you go about doing this?

First set clear goals and identify the SIP for each one of the goals. When you are 22 years of age your goals could be – buying a bike in 2 years, buying a house in 10 years, marriage in 8 years, retirement in 36 years, etc. When you automate ₹10,000 for each of these goals and start 4 SIPs of ₹10,000 each, on the due date the amount is invested in those pre-chosen 4 mutual fund schemes. This means you have ₹40,000 less available for your immediate day to day expenses.

This automation helps – to stop or postpone an SIP is boring and painful, so most people do not interrupt it.

Review and make alterations – If the market has suddenly done very well you may be able to buy the bike in say 19 months instead of 24. If that happens you will have ₹10,000 available for other goals. If you don't have any immediate need, just increase the amount for retirement. You can always redirect it for some other goals, in case something arose! In case the market does not do too well, your bike may be 28 months away instead of 24 as planned. Teaching the body and mind to wait for 4 more months is surely good for your 'saying No' muscle!

LIC to make investments of about ₹1.30 lakh crore in stock markets in FY25

PTI @ New Delhi

LIFE Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) MD and CEO Siddhartha Mohanty has said that the corporation is looking to make fresh investments of around ₹1.30 lakh crore in equities during the current financial year.

During April-June FY25, the insurance behemoth made an investment of about ₹38,000 crore in shares as against ₹23,300 crore in the same period a year ago. LIC earned a profit of ₹15,500 crore from its investments in equity markets during the first quarter. The profit from its investment was higher by 13.5% quarter-on-quarter.

"We are surely looking at the markets and price movements...we are looking to invest a good amount at least whatever we had invested in last financial year...LIC made an investment of around ₹1.32 lakh crore in FY'24," he said. Market value of LIC's investment in stocks of various companies stood at around ₹15 lakh crore at the end of June, he said.

LIC has exposure in 282 companies through investment in their shares as of June 30, 2024. The Assets Under Management (AUM) increased to ₹ 53,58,781 crore as at June-end as compared to ₹46,11,067 crore at the end of same quarter previous year, registering an increase of 16.22%. Total investment grew by ₹7,30,662 crore, from ₹42,44,852 crore in March 2023 to ₹ 49,75,514 crore as on March 31, 2024.

Total equity investment portfolio constitute ₹12,39,740 crore as against ₹8,39,662 crore in 2022-23, whereas other investments constitute ₹37,35,774 crore as against ₹34,05,190 crore in 2022-23.

For June quarter 2024, LIC reported 10% increase in net profit to ₹10,461 crore as against ₹9,544 crore in the year-ago period.

Yes Bank aims to ramp up growth capital, margins

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

YES Bank, which is in talks with investors to give an exit to the SBI-led lenders who are its majority shareholders, sees profitability improving and the resultant gain in RoI (Return on Investment) from this fiscal as the ₹44,000 crore tied up in the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) will begin to come back to the bank in tranches from this fiscal.

This will have ₹11,000 crore getting released, ramping up its growth capital and margins. "Having achieved the PSL target last fiscal, we'll get ₹11,000 crore released from the RIDF by November or December, shoring up our growth capital and the margins. This means we can lend more, and improve our margins, leading to increased RoI," Prashant Kumar, managing director and chief executive of the bank, told TNIE in an interaction.

As much as ₹44,000 crore are tied up in the RIDF now for not achieving the mandated PSL targets in the previous four fiscals since the bankruptcy of the bank, he said. The RIDF, set up in 1995-96 to finance rural infrastructure projects, is maintained by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard).

The only area we want to enter is microfinance which we will do through an acquisition. Last year we tried a buyout but did not go ahead as valuations were too high.

Prashant Kumar, MD and CEO, Yes Bank

"People are comparing us with competition, completely disregarding where we started off from. There are certain legacy issues as the bank was not meeting its priority sector lending targets, as a result ₹44,000 crore of our assets are sitting in the RIDF accounts where return is 2% below the repo rate," he said.

"Our operating profit is growing steadily and we've delivered strong net income, but the issue is people are judging us as compared to competition. I think in another 12-18 months we would be in line with the market on the profitability front," Kumar said.

The bank reported a net profit of ₹502.43 crore for the June quarter, a jump of 47% over last year. He expects the bank's return on investment, which is the real gauge of profitability for a lender, has fallen to a nadir with the crisis has been steadily improving. The RoI was a low 0.5% in FY22, which improved to 0.78% in FY24 and it should be closer to 1% in FY25 and cross 1% in FY26.

While the main reason for the low RoI is the RIDF fund, which limits its growth capital, the other main reason for this is not having any high margin yielding business, Kumar said. Sounding bullish about the coming years, Kumar said going forward, the bank will be better off as its more margin-yielding retail loan book has crossed 60% as of the June quarter. Earlier, the bank had a small retail book as its focus was corporate lending.

Another reason for rising profitability is the increasing returns from the NPAs sold to JC Flowers ARC. So far 50% (₹3,400 crore of the ₹6,800 crore) of security receipts has been resolved. That apart, the bank has got an upside of ₹1,000 crore over and above these security receipts and the net carry value of the remaining receipts is only 0.4%, he said.

In December, Yes Bank sold NPAs worth as much as ₹48,000 crore for cash and security receipts. The portfolio purchase price was ₹11,200 crore as of March 2022.

Asked about entering any new segment like wealth management, insurance or mutual funds, he ruled out pursuing any such plans saying, including gold loans, our immediate and mid-term priority is to improve the profitability of the bank in general and the RoI in particular.

"The only area we want to enter is microfinance which we will do through an acquisition. Last year we tried a buyout but did not go ahead as valuations were too high. We are constantly evaluating a good MFI candidate," the ex-SBI official who was selected by the RBI to sail the bank out of the crisis said.

On the reason for not entering the high margin and least risk gold loan segment, he said "this segment is stronger in rural markets, where we have minimal presence. Plus this is a high investment business as we need to set up store rooms and storage vaults which given urban focus is not worth attempting now given our present weak balance-sheet." After the Reserve Bank-managed rescue act in Mach 2020, the private sector bank is owned by SBI and other lenders.

PARIS 2024

Magnifique de Olympique

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19 United States have finished on the top of the Summer Games for the 19th time in 2024

USA secure women's basketball gold

The United States held off France 67-66 to win an unprecedented eighth successive women's Olympic basketball gold and extend their run of victories at the tournament to 61 games. A'ja Wilson scored a game-high 21 points for the USA who won the title for the 10th time overall.

As the Paris Olympics comes to an end, six medals with the all-important gold missing is a reality check for a nation that's planning to bid for 2036 Olympics

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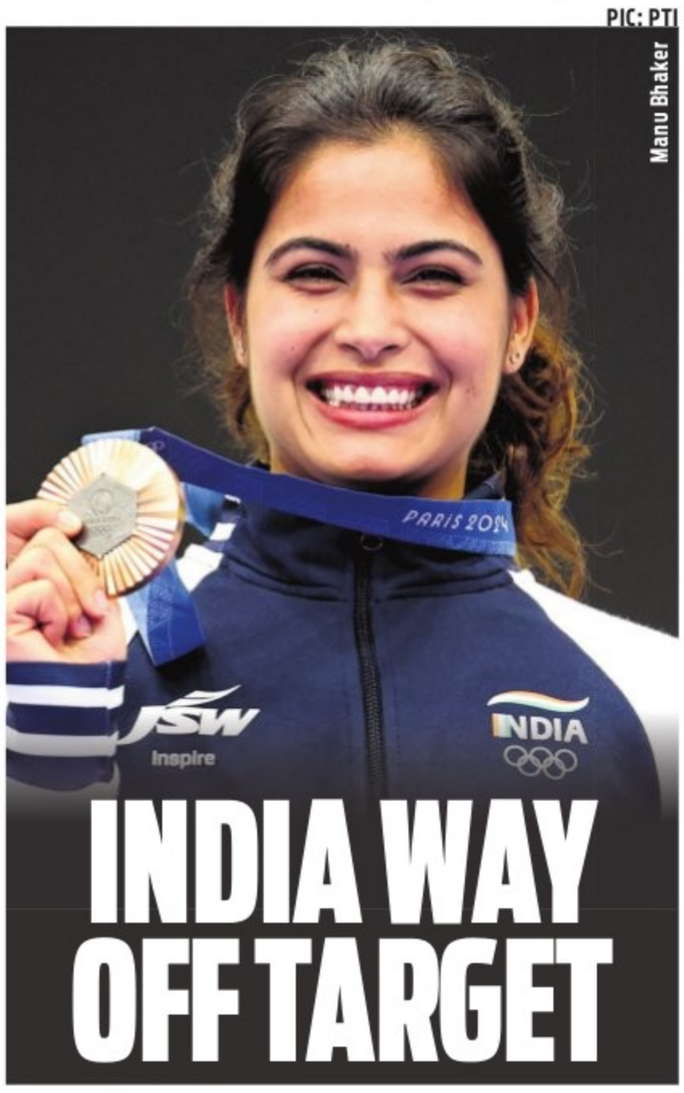


INDIA WAY OFF TARGET

SIFAN Hassan was sprinting towards the finish line of the marathon. The Dutch runner won gold. 5000m, 1000m and marathon would test any mortal's endurance but not hers. More than half an hour later, Bhutan's Kinzang Lhamo was walking, almost trudging, towards the same finish line (in front of the Grand Palais) through some of the most iconic places in Paris. She had been walking for more than two kilometres. Behind her were the escorts and beside her were the spectators egging her. Billions were watching her on TV across the globe. At one level it may seem ridiculous but as an athlete one has to doff the hat, she was trying to finish. Olympics is a monumental stage where not many participate. It has that hallowed touch. It is also a perfect embodiment of Olympic spirit and Olympism: equal opportunity for all. It also cruelly reveals the difference between the best and the rest.

The medals tally reveals another story, in the descending order of sporting powerhouse. If the USA (40 gold; 126 overall) and China (40 gold; 91 overall) are on the top, there are quite a few at the bottom. Among the 91 nations on the list, there are eight countries at the bottom with one bronze each. Twelve places above 84 is India (at 71). Pakistan with one gold was seven spots above India. Considering there are more than 200 nations participating, finishing in the top 71 may look creditable. But when it comes to an emerging nation like India that is planning to bid for the 2036 Olympics this doesn't augur well.

If winning medals at the Olympics was easy, then there would have been a million Olympic medallists. The aura an Olympic medallist exudes would be reduced to rubbles. Hard-work and sacrifices would count to nothing.

When Manu Bhaker went about collecting medals (one individual and one mixed team) on the first few days of the Olympics in the faraway Chateauroux, a nation of 1.4 billion people would have heaved a sigh of relief. The sport that went blank since the 2012 London Olympics has broken the jinx. It had given India the momentum that they rued they did not have in the last Olympics. Sarabjot Singh partnered Manu for the second before Swapnil Kusale hit bronze in 50m 3P.

Shooting has had a process in place, as most shooters agreed, and with a record 21 qualifying for the Olympics, it was a question of how many medals. If Manu, Sarabjot and Swapnil were among the medals, close fourth finishes too hurt. Arjun Babuta, the 10m rile shooter, had the hardest heartbreak followed by Many Bhaker. The build-up was unlike in 2021 when players were depressed before going to Tokyo, this time it was relaxed. Another heartening thing was

that shooters have reached the finals in most events.

It took one week of wait amidst multitudes of despair to add another — a bronze by the men's hockey team, their second straight at the Games. A few hours later, Neeraj Chopra, one of the world's most consistent performers, clinched javelin throw silver.

In between was Vinesh Phogat's unprecedented disqualification after securing a medal – either a silver or a gold. The manner of her wins, just like the disqualification, was the most talked about subject of the Olympics. The 100gm overweight turned into a national obsession back home and a topic of debate here — whether there should be weight concessions for women athletes on the second day of the medal match.

Neeraj had an astonishing day too. One athlete who can be a gold standard in consistency managed only one legitimate throw — his second of 89.45m. If this has not happened before, Arshad Nadeem's stupefying 92.97m throw too was otherworldly. It was an Olympic record and Neeraj, not known to chase that big a throw, was left with no option than eyeing the mark which he has never achieved. Yet, despite struggling with a groin injury for quite some time, he threw and won the silver.

If he was the silver lining, the hockey team earlier in the day was the revelation. It was a perfect magical end to a campaign that had some of the biggest moments in the history of Indian hockey. A glorious send-off to one of the greatest custodians of Indian hockey — PR Sreejesh.

Except for steeplechaser Avinash Sable, track events once again have been a disappointment. The archery team flattered to deceive like the previous Games.

If any sport needed a medal it was wrestling. The sport, that had fetched India medals at every Games since 2008, has gone through too much of an upheaval in the last one and a half years that ending medalless would have jeopardised the sport's future. After Vinesh's disqualification, Aman Sehrawat brought some cheer to the sport with a bronze. For the boy who was orphaned at 11 and made Chhatrasal stadium his home, the medal would mean more than just gold.

The disappointment

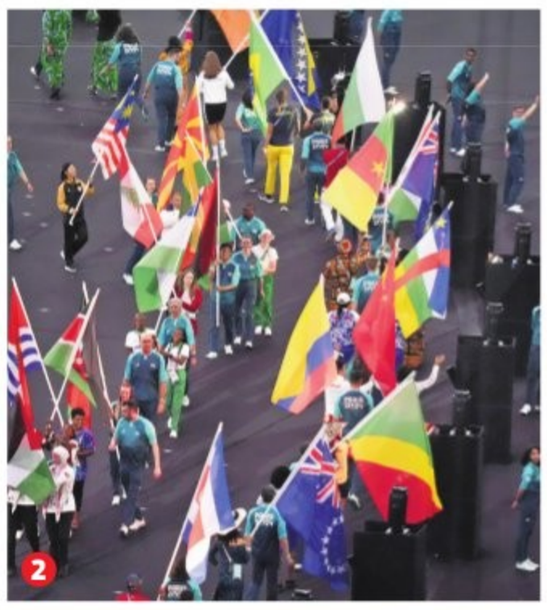
The biggest disappointments have been boxing and badminton. The two disciplines in which sports ministry and Sports Authority of India spent unprecedented money. When it comes to shuttlers, including that of PV Sindhu, every demand has been met. Foreign coaches, a posse of support staff and sparring partners accompanied the shuttlers. Lakshya Sen's bronze medal meltdown would be the most disheartening moment of the Olympics. After being a game up and taking a healthy lead in the second, the way he went blank on the court against Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia. Doubles exponent Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, on whom the nation's hope rested, exited in the quarterfinal.

However, boxing had been the most disastrous of all campaigns. It all started with qualification when boxers were struggling to secure quotas through world qualifiers and had to rely on the last event in Bangkok. Nikhat Zareen, who became the face of Indian boxing, struggled inside the ring. She blamed it on weight loss and fasting, which seems routine for boxers. Whether she had to shed extra weight was not clear. Amit Panghal was a disappointment. Lovlina Borgohain failed to win a medal and the only boxer who had shown some credence was the wily Nishant Dev. For a sport that had got the maximum attention in the last Olympic cycle, this cannot go without investigation.

The SAI and its Target Olympics Podium Scheme had been issuing bulletins about the support they have been giving to the athletes, but one must realise that they have been investing in elite athletes in the last Olympic cycle. There seems to be no second string in boxing and badminton. They also must look into the concept of herding all the top boxers in one National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) can have a negative impact on the other boxers. This will eventually widen the gap between the best and the rest. This also meant that national campers would be winning national competitions and there would be a lack of sparring partners. The Boxing Federation of India has to wake up and engage experts who have an understanding of the game rather than statisticians and orators.

The six medals are better than no medal but six compared to Tokyo's seven definitely reflects poorly on the sporting system of the country. Right from the federation to the sports ministry and SAI, all must acknowledge that there has been a slip, or else there will be no room for improvement. Instead of shrouded in the facade of success, they must unveil the reality of their failure to better Tokyo.

A part of Prakash Padukone's comment is true when he said: "No point blaming the federations, foundations or the academies. They can only do so much. We can provide everything we can. But ultimately players also have to take responsibility and go out there and deliver when it matters the most." This is one part of the story. To know what works and doesn't work for the athletes, the federations, government, and sports promotion foundations, all have to work together. It's not just about the players but one whole ecosystem.



FROM PARIS WITH LOVE

1. India flagbearers PR Sreejesh (L) & Manu Bhaker during the closing ceremony on Sunday **2.** Athletes parade during the occasion; **3.** French President Emmanuel Macron (third from right) & IOC chief Thomas Bach (third from left) | AP

THE SHOWSTOPPERS

WITH THE 2024 SUMMER GAMES OVER, A LOOK AT SOME OF THE RECORD BREAKERS OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS...

World beaters

If Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone did Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone things in the women's 400m hurdles, Mondo Duplantis, cheered on by a packed Stade de France crowd, set another benchmark in men's pole vault. Sydney bettered her own record of 50.65 seconds with a 50.37s finish and so did Duplantis when he recorded a 6.25m jump, better than the previous record of 6.24m, also belonging to him.

Arshad Nadeem, Men's javelin 92.97m (OR)

The Pakistani's achievement is one of inspiration, swag and sheer talent that broke the field in the final. Everyone knew he had the throw, but to deliver it on that day, and record two massive throws, including an Olympic record of 92.97m, just to let everyone know it was not a fluke, Arshad's was a freak show.

Marieldy Paulino, Women's 400m 48.17s (OR)

The Dominican Republic star, who is also the reigning world champion, bettered the previous record set by France's Marie-Jose Perec at the 1996 Atlanta Games, and in the process won the gold, ahead of Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser (48.53s) and Poland's Natalia Kaczmarek (48.98s). It was the latest confirmation of Paulino's dominance after the victory at last year's Worlds in Budapest.

Other Olympic Record breakers in Paris Games: Winfred Yavi (BRN), Women's 3000m steeplechase 8:52.76s; Cole Hocker (USA), Men's 1500m 3:27.65s; Joshua Cheptegei (UGA), Men's 10,000m 26:43.14s; Tamirat Tola (ETH), Men's marathon, 2:06.26s.

Sifan Hassan, Women's marathon 2:22.55s (OR)

The Ethiopian-born Dutch athlete came into the marathon on the back of two bronze medals won in the 5,000m and 10,000m in an astonishing bid for podium placings in three events. And Hassan did not disappoint — an Olympic record of 2hr 22min 55sec. It mirrored Hassan's efforts in Tokyo three years ago when she also won three medals: two gold (5,000m, 10,000m) and a bronze (1500m).

Roke Stona, Men's discus, 70.00m (OR)

The Jamaican won gold with an Olympic record throw of 70.00m, three centimetres more than Lithuania's Mykolas Alekna. Stona, coached by American Ryan Crouser who won an unprecedented third consecutive shot put gold, stole the show when he went out to the 70-m mark on his fourth attempt. Stona, meanwhile, isn't sure of his future. He has had tryouts for hopefuls at two NFL teams, and said will sleep on it before deciding what lies ahead.

'May look to have short camp before Olympiad'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

SRINATH Narayanan, captain of the Indian open team for the upcoming Chess Olympiad, reckons there's a good chance that they can win gold. In a brief interview with this daily, he also opened up on the side's plans, board order and so on. *Excerpts*:

● On thoughts ahead of the tournament (it begins in Budapest from September 10)

I think we have a good chance of winning gold and a much better chance of medalling (the open team are seeded second just behind US). Some members of won bronze last time in 2022, it's an amalgamation of the two teams.

● On if there's going to be any camp soon

At the moment, I don't think there will be any camps. (D) Gukesh and (R) Praggnanandhaa will be playing in the US. We may look to have a short camp with whoever is available closer to the event. But a lot of players these days consider playing itself as sort of a training session. I will be leaving for Hungary on September 8th.

● On if the board order has been decided

Not yet. I will be observing in what shape and form the players are before naming them. I will also be talking with the players and taking their feedback as I always do that. We have a lot of time to go before this (one day before the event starts; in 2022, Gukesh won gold with the top board).

Indian players: Arjun Erigaisi, D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, P Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi.

'Hate towards IOA med team unacceptable'

AGENCIES @ Paris

DRAWING criticism for Vinesh Phogat's weigh-in fiasco, Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha on Sunday made it clear that it is the responsibility of the athlete to manage their weight and the attack on its medical team, especially Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala is "unacceptable and worthy of condemnation."

Vinesh was left heartbroken after she was disqualified ahead of her gold-medal bout in 50kg for being 100gm overweight in the weigh-in, crushing her dreams. The incident started a blame game with some sections attacking Dr Pardiwala and his team for negligence. "...the responsibility of weight management of athletes in sport like wrestling, weightlifting, boxing and judo is that of each athlete and his or her coach and NOT that of the IOA-appointed CMO Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala and his team," Usha said in a statement. "...the hate directed at the IOA medical team, especially Dr. Pardiwala, is unacceptable and worthy of condemnation."

MEDALS TALLY

1	USA	40(G)	44(S)	42(B)
2	China	40	27	24
3	Japan	20	12	13
4	Australia	18	19	16
5	France	16	26	22
71	India	0	1	5

EXPRESS READ

Tahlia fifty gives Aus-A 3-0 series win

BRISBANE: Skipper Tahlia McGrath was the lead cast with an unbeaten fifty as Australia Women 'A' team defeated India by seven wickets in the third and final T20 to complete a series sweep. Australia had won the first two matches by five runs and eight wickets respectively. India 'A 'will now play three one-dayers before facing the hosts in a one-off unofficial 'Test' from August 22.

US gymnast must return bronze medal: IOC

American gymnast Jordan Chiles must return the bronze medal she won in the Paris Olympics floor exercise after sport's highest court said her score was judged improperly, the International Olympic Committee confirmed on Sunday. The IOC announced early Sunday it was reallocating the bronze from Monday's women's floor final to Romanian Ana Barbosu after the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision. The decision came less than 24 hours after the Court of Arbitration for Sport voided a scoring appeal made by Team USA coach Cecile Landi.

SEINE FROM PARIS

Man seen climbing Eiffel Tower before closing ceremony

Authorities have evacuated the Eiffel Tower after a man was seen climbing the Paris landmark hours before the Olympics closing ceremony on Sunday. The shirtless man was seen scaling the 330-metre (1,083-foot) tall tower in the afternoon. It's unclear where he began his ascent, but he was spotted just above the Olympic rings adorning the second section of the monument, just above the first viewing deck.

Athletics has moved on from Bolt: Coe

Track and field chief Sebastian Coe has hailed the emergence of an "extraordinary" group of athletes at the Paris Olympics who have gone some way to filling the void left by Jamaican legend Usain Bolt. "We are no longer a sport about one person," he told reporters in Paris on Sunday, all the while praising Bolt. "That one person was Herculean, that one person transformed the popularity of our sport for a very clear period of time, and he consistently did that."

Heidelberg University

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RWTH Aachen University

Technical University of Munich

BEST VARSITIES YOU SHOULD AIM FOR

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Freie Universität Berlin

University of Freiburg

University of Bonn

SCHOLARSHIP BONANZA IN GERMANY

Think higher education in Germany, think DAAD. Lovely Majumdar compiles a list of scholarships which will help you unlock your own potential as well as other opportunities

The DAAD Scholarships

FOR funding for postgraduation (PG), PhD, and postdoctoral research in Germany, the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarship, or the German Academic Exchange Service programme, is a significant resource. It provides over 1,00,000 scholarships to both German and international students, making it one of the world's largest funding organisations. The scholarships are funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

What you should know about DAAD:

1. In a few of the DAAD programmes, individuals can avail funded internship programmes as well.
2. Individuals can get research grants while pursuing a doctorate at a university or a research institution outside Germany, or at their early stage of postdoc. Students receive monthly scholarship payments of about 1,300 Euros.
3. DAAD also provides for fully funded doctoral programmes, for a maximum of four years, with monthly payments of 1,300 Euros with other allowances.
4. For master's and a one-year postgraduate study at your home university, you can get scholarships for 10 to 24 months, with a monthly allowance of 934 Euros. Such are the funding opportunities that DAAD offers to those who wish to study in Germany.
5. Apart from other academic disciplines. DAAD scholarships are also open for Architecture, Fine Arts/Design/Film, Performing Arts and Music.
6. The master's study scholarships in STEM disciplines include mathematics, computer science, natural sciences, and engineering. The scholarship programme is mostly aimed at high-achieving students from developing and emerging countries.
7. DAAD scholarships are also designed for development-related postgraduate courses (EPOS), aiming at training specialists from developing and newly industrialised countries with at least two years of professional experience. Depending on their academic level, funding of 934 Euros for graduates or 1,300 Euros for doctoral candidates is granted.

Specialised Scholarships (under DAAD)

For the IITs

THE scholarship Combined Study and Practice Stays for Engineers from Developing Countries (KOSPIE) offers students from Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) an opportunity to complete a project of their master's thesis under the guidance of a German professor at one of the technical universities. Students will be awarded 861 Euros monthly with a one-time research allowance of 266 Euros.

For people seeking to make a change

THE Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: German Chancellor Fellowship grants 50 such fellowships to students from the United States, China, Brazil, India and South Africa, who have leadership experience, to further provide an impetus to their independently developed projects, making visible societal impacts. A maximum funding of 2,600 Euros per month is provided.

Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung/Foundation

For AI enthusiasts

FOR highly qualified (current or prospective) master's students pursuing studies in AI and related subjects, the Konrad Zuse School of Excellence in Reliable Artificial Intelligence (relAI) Scholarship is truly an excellent option to get a scholarship of 934 Euros for a duration of 24 months.

THE DAAD Zuse School of Embedded Composite Artificial Intelligence (SECAI) scholarships are designed to support outstanding students pursuing (or prospective students) master's, intending to study AI at the Technical University Dresden or Leipzig University. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence. Women in STEM are especially encouraged to apply. Special circumstances are also taken into account. Students are granted 934 Euros for a duration of up to 24 months.

For highly qualified scientists

THE Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers Humboldt Research Fellowships for Postdoctoral Researchers, providing international candidates from all disciplines the chance to undertake a long-term research project (ranging from six to 24 months) of their design. This project is conducted in collaboration with an academic host of their choice at a research institution in Germany. The fellows receive 2,500 Euros per month with other benefits.

Exploring other scholarships....

CANCER RESEARCH: The German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ): International PhD Programme caters to students wanting to pursue research in:

a) Cell and Tumour Biology
b) Functional and Structural Genomics
c) Cancer Risk Factors and Prevention
d) Immunology and Cancer
e) Imaging and Radiooncology
f) Infection, Inflammation and Cancer

For this, students are required to have a master's degree in the following subjects
(molecular) biology/bio-chemistry/physics/mathematics/computational biology/computer science/epidemiology/public health studies and related subjects

36 students will be fully funded for three years

FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH: The Indo-German Science and Technology Centre (IGSTC): Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR) is an initiative of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany allowing researchers to network for opportunities.

- These individuals will have the chance to visit India or Germany briefly. Students should have a Master's degree in Science or a Bachelor's degree in Engineering.
- The duration will be one to two months. Individual fellows will be granted 2,300 Euros per month.

FOR WOMEN IN STEM: The Indo-German Science and Technology Centre (IGSTC): Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) scholarships are awarded annually to 20 female students. The programme is a joint initiative by the BMBF and the DST. It is open to women researchers holding a regular/long-term research position in academia/in a research institute/in industry in India or Germany. As many as 20 Indian and German students will be fully funded for up to three years. Indian students will receive travel allowances up to ₹1 lakh and project allowances up to ₹12 lakh per year.

- **The RWTH International Academy:** Women in Engineering Scholarships are granted to highly qualified female engineers to pursue a master's degree programme at RWTH International Academy. Students must have at least 12 months of professional experience in their field. The scholarship covers 25% of the tuition fees for the respective master's degree programme for a period of up to 24 months.

BI-NATIONALLY SUPERVISED DOCTORAL DEGREES

- Individuals can pursue a doctoral degree both at their home university and at a university in Germany. The individual can be awarded a doctoral degree either by the home university (sandwich model) or jointly by both universities (Cotutelle procedure)
- For the sandwich model, grants are awarded for up to 12 months, and for the Cotutelle procedure, grants are initially awarded for up to 18 months; there is a possibility for an extension of the scholarship for up to six months.

WHAT ABOUT FUNDS

Monthly payments of about 1300 Euros are given to the candidates during their stay in Germany. No scholarship payments are made during stays at your home university. Additional research expenses are granted of about 460 Euros.

LET'S LISTEN TO STUDENTS

CONFUSED ABOUT WHETHER GERMANY IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOU? THESE TESTIMONIALS WON'T LIE TO YOU

AATREYEE NEOG,
Digital Solutions Engineer, Continental AG

For a Master's in Engineering, Germany was an obvious choice. My subject was Data Science and Machine Learning. Among the few universities providing this course in English was Otto-von-Guericke University, located in a little town called Magdeburg. My priority was to go the corporate route post-master's, so I got to choose subjects focused on building solutions for practical applications. Having no job experience before coming to Germany, I started working from my third semester at the university. I began as a teaching assistant, then joined a PhD team as a research assistant. Before starting my master's thesis, I interned at Continental AG, where I was later offered paid collaborative work. Upon completing my degree, to my delight, I was offered a permanent position as a Digital Solutions Engineer in the same department.

DR SURABHI LATA, Postdoc fellow at Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), Braunschweig

I joined HZI as a postdoc research fellow in the Department of Molecular Structural Biology (MOST). My three-year work contract involves projects with national and international collaborations. I completed my PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Hyderabad. After my PhD, I was determined to pursue a postdoc position. Germany offers generous funding opportunities for PhD students. Additionally, Germany's collaborative research environments and strong work-life balance were major factors in my decision. The selection process for my postdoc position involved several rounds. I was invited to give a talk at HZI, which was fully funded by my supervisor. During the visit, I discussed my strengths and my supervisor's plans, met other professors and students, and learned about the institution. After joining, I had the opportunity to visit the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics at the University of Basel for a collaborative business trip.

ANGANA MOITRA, Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of Languages and Literature of OP Jindal Global University

I specialise in the literary culture of the European medieval and early modern periods, with a special focus on the British Isles. I was awarded a full scholarship by the European Union to pursue my doctorate as part of the Erasmus Mundus TEEME (Text and Event in Early Modern Europe) PhD programme, a joint-doctoral programme where I was based at educational institutions in the UK and Germany. In Germany, I was with the Institute for English Language and Literature (Institut für Englische Philologie) at Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin). Although my stipend was provided by the EU, by virtue of being an enrolled student at FU Berlin, I was entitled to receive internal funding. I utilised the funds from FU Berlin to attend various conferences.

MANU SARASWAT, PhD, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg

I am pursuing my research in AI for Genomics funded by a scholarship. I chose Germany because the PhD timelines are shorter, typically three to four years, and the research quality is top-notch. The cosmopolitan culture of cities like Heidelberg, Berlin, and Munich makes it easy to get by just knowing English, especially in scientific communities. But, learning German enhances the overall experience and helps with administrative tasks. Financially, pursuing a PhD in Germany is more comfortable than in big US cities like New York or Boston. The salaries are reasonable, and the cost of living is lower, providing a better experience, especially for research students. The combination of research opportunities and the chance to immerse yourself in a rich cultural environment makes Germany an excellent choice.

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DAY'S DIARY

T.rex bones found

In 1990, fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovered three huge bones of Tyrannosaurus rex jutting out of a cliff near Faith, South Dakota

FIRST OF ITS KIND

They turn out to be part of the largest-ever Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65 million-year-old specimen dubbed Sue, after its discoverery

A FOUNDATION

Sue's bones allowed scientists to determine that the T.rex had an incredible sense of smell, as the olfactory bulbs were each bigger than the cerebrum

THEORIES PROVEN

Sue was the first T.rex skeleton to be discovered with a wish-bone, a discovery that helped the scientists' theory that birds are a type of living dinosaur

The forgotten Olympics

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WILD ADVENTURES

Shreyanka Patil, the star cricketer of the Royal Challengers Bengaluru at the Women's Premier League, inaugurated 'Experience the Jungle Book Come Alive' at a mall on Friday. She delighted children with her presence, engaging in playful interactions, and embraced the lively atmosphere

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OF HITS, MISSES & HEARTBREAKS

India's journey at the Paris Summer Olympics was anything but straightforward. *CE* explores the barriers preventing India from Olympic glory

DESE GOWDA

As the curtain falls on another Olympic season, millions of Indian fans who tuned in to witness the pinnacle of human athleticism are left with a bittersweet taste. Neeraj Chopra's well-deserved silver in javelin and a handful of bronze medals in shooting, hockey, and wrestling offer some solace amidst what has been an emotional rollercoaster for India at the Games. The highs were matched by lows, from the heartbreak of Vinesh Phogat's disqualification to Antim Pangal's run-in with Paris authorities over a security breach in the Olympic village. Further complicating the nation's Olympic journey was tennis legend Prakash Padukone's criticism of the athletes, making it a story of both pride and heartbreak. Despite some successes, the nation's sporting infrastructure and support systems require urgent reform if the country is to truly stand tall on the global stage.

Nihar Ameen, a swimming coach, points out that while Indian athletes are receiving substantial support, the broader sports ecosystem is still lagging behind global standards. "The athletes received what they needed, but whether their preparation was truly on par with the rest of the world is an open-ended question," Ameen remarks. He underscores the need for India's sports ecosystem to evolve, particularly in areas such as infrastructure, strategic planning, and international competitiveness. Ameen suggests that the issue isn't with the athletes' efforts but with the need for further development of the entire sports ecosystem in India.

Meanwhile, badminton player Yasmeen Shaikh interprets Prakash Padukone's comments as a call for introspection among athletes, especially given the high number who came close to the podium but failed to earn medals. "I've trained with Prakash sir, and I know how supportive he is, the world knows that too. I think what he meant was for players to introspect, which is a valuable takeaway. While there's enough support from the Sports Federation and government bodies, especially for this Olympics, it's crucial to consider what players themselves can do. It's about how they prepare themselves, how much accountability and ownership they take about their performances," she says. "Additionally, we need to identify talent at multiple levels. For instance, at the recent Games, the US had nearly 600 athletes participating, Japan had around 400, but India had only 117. There is a lot of potential to identify and nurture talent, rather than placing all our hopes on just one or two athletes."

Vinesh Phogat

[Needs] a little bit of effort from the players also. A little more responsibility. Not just ask for whatever you ask for. Once you are given that, you also have to be accountable (sic)

Badminton legend Prakash Padukone on his assessment of Indian athletes at the Olympics

Rupinder Pal Singh, a former hockey player, echoes Ameen's concerns, emphasising the critical need for grassroots infrastructure. Singh, who has seen firsthand the impact of limited facilities, argues that the scarcity of basic amenities in districts is stifling the development of upcoming talent. "We need more astroturfs, more equipment, and most importantly, greater awareness," Singh asserts, pointing out that the lack of accessible facilities forces young athletes to either relocate or give up on their dreams altogether. He also argues that making sports compulsory in schools could help change this mindset and create a pipeline of young athletes encouraged to pursue their Olympic dreams.

In the short term, a city-based coach, believes India would be better served by strategically investing resources in sports that have a higher chance of yielding medals until adequate infrastructure for other sports can be built up. "More money should be invested in sports like badminton, archery, boxing, shooting, hockey, and wrestling. These are the sports where India has a higher chance of winning medals," he says, emphasising the need for systemic reform of sports federations across the board to improve governance. "There's often internal conflict within federations. This has led to missed opportunities, so we need to ensure everyone is on the same page," says the tennis coach.

Neeraj Chopra

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

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CITY READ

Former Lokayukta Santosh Hegde felicitated

On August 3, retired Justice and former Lokayukta Santosh Hegde was honoured at the Millennium Samelana, held at Sri Jnanagiri Educational Trust, The Millennium School, near Hesaraghatta Main Road. The felicitation recognised Justice Hegde's contributions and achievements. The event, organised by the school, saw Chairman G Hanumanthappa, Directors Girish Gowda and Sandhya Girish, Principal Rupa, and Peenya Fire Station Officer Mallikarjuna in attendance.

Spa and resort to host Bhutanese cooking masterclass

Angsana Oasis Spa and Resort has launched a special workshop by their executive chef Rahul, on August 17 celebrating the spirit of Independence Day. The event aims to unite people through food, exploring diverse cultures and cuisines. The two-hour session will include garden foraging, a five-course cooking class, and lunch. The workshop will feature Bhutanese cuisine with four signature dishes, including ema dashi, the bathuep and more. Open to all, the session is priced from ₹5,000++ and requires a 24-hour advance booking. For more information, contact 80284 68892.

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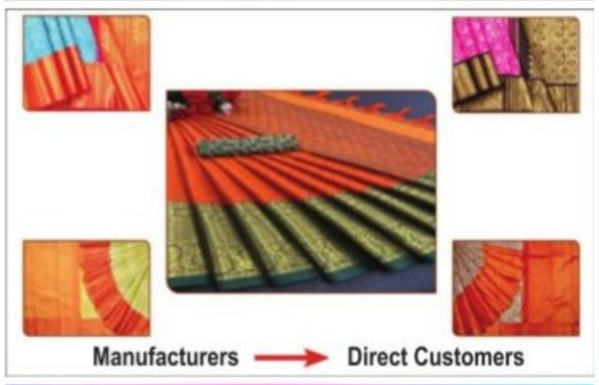

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Bengaluru's Water Crisis: Can the Tech Capital Fight Its Way Back?

Bengaluru is grappling with a severe water crisis. The city's taps have run dry, leaving homes silent and businesses stalled. With freshwater constituting just 2.5% of global water, and growing urbanisation and climate change exacerbating the issue, cities like Bengaluru face an acute challenge.

The crisis is multifaceted. Bengaluru's population surged 76% in a decade, while its water infrastructure lagged. The city's lakes, once vital, have shrunk by 79% due to pollution and encroachment. Bengaluru consumes 2,832 million liters of water daily, but only 1,460 million liters come from the Cauvery River. The remaining 1,372 million liters are extracted from groundwater, leading to a significant water quality crisis.

The city generates 1.48 billion liters of wastewater daily, enough to fill 580 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Yet, Bengaluru's sewage treatment plants are outdated, failing to process this wastewater effectively. While other cities like Mumbai adopt advanced technologies, Bengaluru lags, with insufficient lake rejuvenation and sewage reuse initiatives.

"Cities like Mumbai are leveraging advanced technologies and practices. Bengaluru must catch up," says Girish Kale, Director of Municipal Business at Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions (India). Mumbai, for instance, has successfully used advanced treatment technologies to ensure reliable water supply to thousands.

Veolia Water Technologies highlights solutions for Bengaluru's crisis:

- Smart Planning: Prioritise water conservation in urban development.
- Infrastructure Upgrades: Modernise outdated water systems.
- Learn from Leaders: Implement advanced treatment technologies seen in other cities.

Advanced technologies, such as smart meters and mobile treatment units, could revolutionise Bengaluru's water management. Corporate responsibility is crucial. The Infosys Foundation's Hebbal Lake restoration exemplifies how corporate investment can positively impact water management. Veolia's Gopal Madabhushi emphasises the need for industries to use treated water and suggests government incentives to encourage this shift.

By embracing new technologies, restoring lakes, and implementing smart water management, Bengaluru can secure a sustainable water future and become a global model for water resilience.

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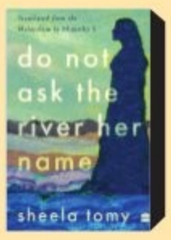


Do Not Ask the River Her Name

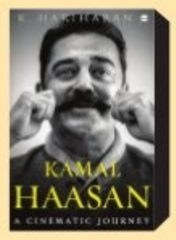
By Sheela Tomy

Translated by Ministhy S, the novel is Ruth's story of witnessing the Holy Land, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the people of Palestine. She finds that love and humanity tops national and religious barriers.

Mother India

By Prayaag Akbar

Mayank is employed as a content creator in a dingy basement studio and Nisha works as a salesgirl at a mall. When Mayank discovers Nisha beaming off her Instagram, he is smitten, and the video clip he devises for his studio ends up having significant consequences for them both.



Kamal Haasan: A Cinematic Journey

By K Hariharan

The book explores the most impactful films Kamal Haasan has been associated with and analyses his illustrious career, from his beginnings as a child star to his latest blockbusters.

The Kaurs of 1984: The Untold, Unheard Stories of Sikh Women

By Sanam Sutirath Wazir

The events that unfolded in 1984 remain unresolved as we mark the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star followed by the anti-Sikh violence after Indira Gandhi's assassination. The book highlights the voices of women, who are seldom heard after riots and violence.

SHOPPING SPREE

Shoppers indulge in some retail therapy at Luxette, a designer pop up, held at Shangri-La Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICKFIX

TOMATO UPMA

Contributed by **Lavanya S,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Rava (semolina):** 1 cup
- **Tomato:** 2, finely chopped
- **Ginger:** 1 tsp, grated
- **Urad dal:** 1 tsp
- **Water:** 2.5 cups
- **Salt:** to taste
- **Onion:** 1, finely chopped
- **Green chillies:** 2, finely chopped
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Curry leaves:** 10-12
- **Oil:** 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Dry roast the rava in a pan until golden brown; set aside.
- Heat oil in the same pan, add mustard seeds and urad dal, and let them splutter.
- Add curry leaves, green chillies, and grated ginger; sauté for a minute.
- Add chopped onions and tomatoes; cook until tomatoes are soft.
- Add water and salt, bring to a boil. Gradually add the roasted rava, stirring continuously to avoid lumps.
- Cook until the water is absorbed and the upma reaches the desired consistency. Serve hot.

ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA
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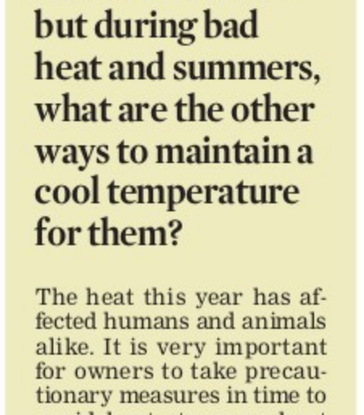
The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

I know bunnies are not to be bathed but during bad heat and summers, what are the other ways to maintain a cool temperature for them?

The heat this year has affected humans and animals alike. It is very important for owners to take precautionary measures in time to avoid heat stress or heat stroke. For species like rabbits, to avoid heat stress, one can follow these simple tips. Provide ample shade to your rabbit. Make sure the pet is covered against direct sunlight. Offer plenty of water to drink and also provide vegetables, like cucumber and watermelon, which are rich in moisture. Make sure there is a provision for sufficient ventilation in the area where you have housed your rabbit.



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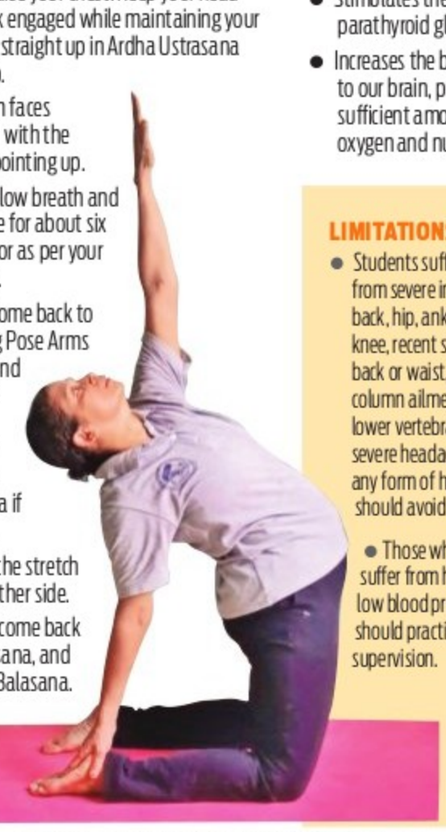
ARDHA USTRASANA HEAD UP

(HALF CAMEL POSE VARIATION HEAD UP)

This is a preparatory and transition pose to the foundational pose, Ardha Ustrasana. This beginner's level pose helps prepare the students to go into backbends like Camel Pose and its variations. This particular pose with a difference of keeping one arm straight and the head up, rather than Ardha Ustrasana helps teachers gauge the students' strength and balance. It develops the flexibility-strength-stability to gradually transition into the deep backbends.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana. Inhale, bend the right leg at the knee, placing the right foot close to the buttocks, and exhale.
- Take a deep breath and raise the buttocks off the floor and sit on the right foot, breathe out.
- Repeat the same with the left leg.
- Inhale, raise your body away from your heels, with your back straight, supported by a blanket below your knees or at the corner of a mat.
- Tuck your navel in, keeping the knees and feet hip-width apart
- Balance your body weight on your knees, for a breath or two while preparing your mind for the next step – backbend.
- Inhale, raise arms over your head.
- Press firmly into the tops of your feet. Inhale, raise upwards with your tummy tucked in and abdomen tight.
- Exhale, place your right arm on the right foot, simultaneously taking the upper body behind you, in a curved shape – inwards and downwards.
- Finally, raise your chest. Keep your head and neck engaged while maintaining your left arm straight up in Ardha Ustrasana Head Up.
- Left palm faces outward with the fingers pointing up.
- Begin a slow breath and stay here for about six breaths or as per your capacity.
- Exhale, come back to Kneeling Pose Arms Raised and stay for a few breaths. Relax in Balasana if needed.
- Counter the stretch on the other side.
- Release, come back to Vajrasana, and relax in Balasana.



BENEFITS

- Helps stretch the upper body.
- It releases neck, shoulders, upper back, spine, muscles and joints tension.
- Practitioners should stretch from the hips.
- Facial muscles relaxed.
- Improves the posture correcting rounded shoulders and sunken chest.
- Keeps the muscles and joints mobile and toned while improving lung capacity.
- Strengthens the back, abdomen, legs, and hips.
- Helps to prevent back pain.
- Prevents various types of digestion-related issues.
- Improves the flexibility in the spine
- Stimulates the thyroid and parathyroid glands.
- Increases the blood flow to our brain, providing sufficient amounts of oxygen and nutrition.

LIMITATIONS

- Students suffering from severe injuries in back, hip, ankle and knee, recent surgery on back or waist, spinal column ailments, lower vertebrae, severe headache and any form of hernia, should avoid this.
- Those who suffer from high or low blood pressure, should practise under supervision.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Candle Light

Transform Monday into a magical evening with a candle light dinner. Savour exquisite cuisine and craft drinks in a warm, romantic atmosphere.
WHEN: Aug 12, 8pm
WHERE: Gold Rush Brews, KR Puram
DETAILS: 98459 20832

Holistic Retreat

Experience tranquility and wellness at NYDC Yoga Loft's workshop, designed for both beginners and intermediate practitioners.
WHEN: Aug 12, 10am
WHERE: New York Dance Class, Bilekhalli
CALL: 98187 41350

Gourmet Gathering

Indulge in a delightful combination of gourmet burgers crafted from fresh ingredients and engaging gameplay, offering a relaxed and enjoyable experience. This family-friendly event provides an ideal setting for socialising, making new connections, and enjoying quality time together.
WHEN: Aug 12, 2.45pm
WHERE: Original Burger Co, Kalyan Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.in

Social Delight

A ludo and coffee date offers a delightful opportunity for social connection and quality time in a relaxed setting. The combination of coffee and games encourages conversation, fosters bonding, and strengthens relationships.
WHERE: Azzure Cafe, Nagawara
DETAILS: 080-69379088

Laughing Out Loud

This curated open mic event offers an unforgettable evening of humour, showcasing the city's emerging comedic talent.
WHEN: Aug 12, 10.30pm
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Bollywood Bash

Take to the dance floor and revel in the vibrant energy of Bollywood night. An evening of rhythm, celebration, and joy awaits, featuring DJ Lakky live. Complimentary drinks for all ladies.
WHEN: Aug 12, 7pm
WHERE: Toca, Koramangala
DETAILS: 95385 00032

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MAKING SPACE

Chennai-based artist Gowtham Jayaseelan captures a public transport ride in his work 'The Bus is Small'.

JITHA KARTHIKEYAN

'The Liffey Swim' by Jack B Yeats

The forgotten Olympics

With the 2024 Paris Olympic Games having come to a close, *CE* takes you back in time when artists, along with athletes, bagged medals

THE Paris Olympics brought the world together. We were one as we cheered our athletes with hopes and dreams of those gleaming trophies reaching our shores. Like humanity, all fields of human endeavours were linked together in the years before compartmentalisation took over. The Olympics were not just for athletes back when it all started, but also for artists, architects, musicians, and writers too. Impossible to imagine now, in a world where categorisation reigns!

When American marksman, Walter W. Winans participated in the Olympics, he won two medals – a gold for sharpshooting in 1908 and a silver for the same in the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm. He also won a gold at Stockholm but it wasn't for any sport. It was instead for his small bronze sculpture of a 20-inch horse tugging a chariot. The work was called 'An American Trotter'. He was the only individual to have the medal for both athletic and artistic achievements. As unbelievable as it may sound today, art was very much an Olympics sport and this is how the story goes: The Olympic games date back to around 776 BC and were held every four years at Olympia in honour of Zeus, the king of the Gods for the Ancient Greeks. In 393 CE, the Roman Emperor Theodosius I banned the Olympics, terming it a pagan festival.

When the games were later revived in 1896 by Frenchman Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who set up the International Olympic Committee, he was determined to include arts as an integral part of the competitions. Educated with an emphasis on the classical, he was of the opinion that a true Olympian should not just be athletic but also skilled in some form of art. Implementing the plan was not as easy though. Art simply could not be seen through the same lens, and its practice was largely devoid of any competitive spirit, unlike sports. It took until the 1912 Olympics hosted by Sweden for Coubertin's persistence to see the light of day, after a mild threat to the Swedish contingent that the IOC would boycott the games, worked in his favour.

So, it was decided to include five categories of art — painting, sculpture, music, architecture, and literature and submissions were solicited with just one condition that the entries had to be inspired by sports. In the early years, twelve rooms were allocated to display the artworks. Fearing the lack of participants initially, Coubertin himself participated under a pseudonym and won!

The outbreak of World War I led to the cancellation of the 1916 Olympics, but the art competitions were back with the 1920 Olympiad, hosted by Belgium. The journey to acceptance was not very smooth, however. Although the games slowly became a reputed international event, the art segment continued to remain a sideshow. There were instances when no award could be given because of the lack of quality work. Besides, the art world viewed the competitions with a tinge of disdain as they felt that competing for an award would tarnish their reputation. Many felt that the caveat that insisted on sports-inspired themes being the criteria for inclusion, was a limitation set to their artistic freedom. It was indeed a struggle to ensure the participation of acclaimed artists.

Alison Saar's installation in Paris as part of the Olympic Art Visions Initiative

'An American Trotter' by Walter W. Winans

'Discobole' by Konstantinos Dimitriadis

The public, however, was generous with their appreciation. Their enthusiasm multiplied with the passing years and the 1932 Games had 4,00,000 visitors and a few established names in art as participants. World War II once again resulted in the cancellation of the 1940 and 1944 events, with most countries embroiled in the war. When the world gradually limped back to normalcy and the Games were held in 1948 in London, the art competitions faced stiff resistance from an American Avery Brundage, the new IOC President. Brundage believed in amateur athletics and maintaining the Olympics in its purest state. He was of the opinion that since art was a livelihood for artists, an Olympic win would only serve as an advertisement to market their qualifications. His campaign against the arts being included in a competitive context led to several heated debates and in due course, the art contests were done away with.

What then, happened to all the artworks that emerged as medal winners in those decades? While Winans donated his sculpture 'An American Totter' to the Swedish Museum of Athletics, another silver winner, 'The Liffey Swim', is housed in the National Gallery of Ireland. Painted by Jack B Yeats in 1923, it captures spectators leaning forward to cheer the swimmers of the Liffey Swim, an important part of the Dublin sporting calendar. Discobole or Discus Thrower, a nude 7-foot bronze sculpture by Greek artist Konstantinos Dimitriadis , which won the gold at the 1924 Paris Olympics, was initially displayed in the Grand Palais and then moved to New York's Central Park two years later. After a decade, it was shifted out and soon faded into oblivion. Most of the artworks have been forgotten by time or can be found in museums or parks, uncelebrated and unrecognised.

The notion that art and sports must co-exist can be seen even today at the Olympics. Multidisciplinary exhibitions of art and culture, termed the Cultural Olympiad, are conducted alongside the Games, and host countries are required to hold cultural events. This year, Marjane Satrapi created tapestries while Alison Saar installed a public sculpture in Paris, as part of the Olympic Art Visions Initiative.

The competitions may have been abandoned, the awarded medals may have been officially stricken off the Olympic records, but art continues to colour this prestigious sporting event!

Inside the world of traditional games

The writer is an author and the founder of Kreeda, an organisation reviving traditional games

A magic circle, in gaming terms, is a space where you can suspend the day-to-day and immerse yourself in the gameplay. While this primarily refers to online games, the fact remains that every game has a magic circle. It's a point where you leave behind the cares of the world.

The advantage of this magic circle is that nothing that happens inside the game matters in the real world. You can make mistakes, restart and get it correct again. You can try different strategies.

Indian traditional games are of a wide variety, allowing us to think, strategise, and plan across different situations as it were. For example, the game of 'Chaupad' or 'Daayakattam' requires you to take your four game pieces around the board and bring them safely home. You can play an attacking game stopping your opponent from going home safe or you can play a defensive game merely protecting your game pieces.

When you think about it, these decisions are like life itself. A balance of choice and chance.

When it comes to the game of 'Aadu Puli Aatam' or the tiger and goat game, the focus is different. Tigers try to kill the goats and try various approaches of moving around the edges of the board and attacking them where they are the most vulnerable and far removed from other goats or going through the centre of the board, scattering the goats and breaking them up. The goats on the other hand, sometimes try to focus on herding the tigers together, to be able to overcome them, while other players try to isolate each tiger to prevent them from ganging up together. When you think about it, this too is like life itself. Sometimes, we isolate problems and deal with each one separately. At other times, we try to club problems together to overcome them at one go.

These concepts and many more can be learned by playing traditional games. But the charm of traditional games is not that you get to learn something. The charm is that learning happens by osmosis as it were through hours of fun and play. Truly a magical and fun experience in that magic circle.

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

Institute unveils Bangalore Center to leverage alumni network for industry partnerships

BITS Pilani announced the establishment of a Bangalore Center, a major stepping stone for the institution in achieving its vision of fostering innovation and industry collaboration. The purpose of this key move is to open the door to opportunities for BITS Pilani students, researchers, faculty, incubators, and accelerator programmes. Located in HSR Layout, the major objective of the centre is to establish collaboration with the corporate community, including alumni and non-alumni-led organisations. A key focus will be to establish networks that can provide mentorship and investment to student and alumni startups.

A CLASSIC FUSION

A dance and musical production celebrated the life of Marathi poet Sant Janabai recently

MONIKA MONALISA

THE dance and music production Namayachi Jani, staged over the weekend at the Medai The Stage, Koramangala, paid homage to the life and legacy of Sant Janabai. What made this performance unique was the collaboration between Bharatanatyam choreography and Hindustani music. The production was choreographed by city-based dancer Navia Natarajan, with the concept and musical direction by Janhavi Phansalkar, a Hindustani singer from Pune. "It's not just Janabai's life story but also the spiritual teachings she absorbed from her guru, Namdev," explains Natarajan. She recalls wanting to create a production in 2022 and searching for a dancer who could bring a visual dimension to the concept. The two were introduced through a mutual friend. "All the abhangs (devotional hymns) are written by Janabai herself. Janhavi had the significant task of setting these to music. She carefully selected the abhangs that would best suit our production," says Natarajan. "As a Bharatanatyam dancer, we discussed our narrative approach and deliberately chose not to follow a linear storyline."

One of the greatest challenges Natarajan faced was integrating her dance style with traditional Hindustani music. "We come from two different genres. I'm accustomed to the classical Carnatic music style and had to adapt to Hindustani music. While it is rich in spirituality, the challenge was to make it accessible and relatable to the audience," she notes. The duo decided that the best approach was to showcase their respective art forms. "Our focus was on understanding the spiritual essence of Janabai and conveying it through both sound and visual expression. We didn't want it to be just a dance or musical performance; it's truly a collaborative effort," Natarajan emphasises.

A still from the production

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I, (OLD NAME) NAGARAJA S/o Yelandur Shamanna Narayana, residing at No.44, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Near Canara Bank ATM, Nagarabhavi, Viswaneedam Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-590091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NAGARAJA** to **(NEW NAME) NAGARAJA YELANDUR NARAYANA** vide affidavit dated 10.08.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

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I, MANOJ R, S/o. Ramachandra S, aged 19 years, r/at. # 82, 3rd cross, Raviteja Petrol Bunk, Parimalanagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560092 have changed my name from **MANOJ R** to **MANOJ GOWDAA R** vide affidavit dated 09.08.2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary Public, K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru

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I, **PREMA KUMARI P**, W/o. Late Mr. M. Kanakappa, aged about 82 years, presently residing at House No. 70, 2nd Cross, P R Layout, Opp. Aishwarya Apartment, Outer Ring Road, Munnekolalla, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore-560037, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that the above names **PREMA KUMARI P** and **P PREMA** belongs to my names that is one and the same person that is myself, vide affidavit dated 09.08.2024, sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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I, **RAJSHEKAR**, S/o Siddappa Tilaganji, R/o No.47, S 2, G S Paradise Apartment,1st cross Vignan Nagar
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KEREPPA HEGGANNAVAR** S/o Sidram, R/o No.16, Ground floor, 2nd cross, 8th Main Rammappa Layout, Puttenahalli Palya, Bangalore - 560078 have permanently changed my name from **KEREPPA HEGGANNAVAR** to **KAREPPA SIDRAM HEGGANNAVAR**, vide affidavit dated 10/08/2024, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHALAPATHY NAIDU** (New Name), previously called **GOPISETTY CHALAPATHY NAIDU**, S/o. Muralidhar Naidu Gopisetty, residing at Sree Venkateswara Nilaya, 25th Cross, G.M. Layout, Opp. Manapuram Gold Loan, Varthur, Bangalore-560087. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'GOPISETTY CHALAPATHY NAIDU'** to **"CHALAPATHY NAIDU"**, vide Affidavit dated 09.08.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. RAJASEKAR, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOUNATA BISWAS C/o Nilamab Biswas, aged 44 years No.:103, DS MAX SPARKNEST Apartment, Chokkanahalli Main Road, Yelahanka post, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **MOUNATA DUTTA MAJUMDER** to **MOUNATA BISWAS,** vide affidavit dated 10/8/2024 sworn to before G.R.Ravichandra Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Eti/Eeti/E.Nageswara Rao,** S/o Eti. Pandurangamma(mother) and Eeti Madhava Rao(father), retired Manager (Depot), Food Corporation of India, and resident of H.No.29/1297/A/1, Santoshnagar Colony, Balajinagar, Hyderabad-87, have changed my name to **ET Rao Nagesvvar,** vide affidavit dated 29-7-2024, sworn before notary public, Yata Bhaskar Hyderabad-83.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) UZMA AYUB SAIFULLA AYUB W/o JIBRAN KHALID KHAN MAHADIK, residing at Ward No.13, 1st Cross, Muslim Street, Pete, Arkalgud, Hassan, Karnataka-573102, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) UZMA AYUB SAIFULLA AYUB** to **(NEW NAME) UZMA MAHADIK** vide affidavit dated 10.08.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K.B. LALITHA** W/o. M.S. Manjunatha, aged about 24 years, residing at C/o. Chandrataya Building No. 4, 4th Cross, Patel Layout, Near Canara Bank Bus Stop, Begur Village and Hobli, Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K.B. LALITHA** to **ANU MANJUNATHA,** vide affidavit dated 31.08.2013, sworn to before R.S. Vijay, Notary Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S. Amreen Taj**, Wife of Mohammed Syed Khadeer, Aged about 20 years, residing at No. 6, 3rd Floor, K.C. Cross Road, Near Aiyamma Temple, New Gurappanapalya, Dharmaram College Post, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 029, Karnataka State, now at Ramanagara do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Amreen Taj** to **S. Amreen Taj** vide affidavit dated 10.8.2024 sworn to before M.C. Devendra, Advocate, Notary Public, Govt. of India, Ramanagara Dist. 562 159

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SOWBHAGYALAKSHMI SRIDHAR**, W/o Sridhar Seetharamaiah, R/o No. 47 Sapthagiri Layout, BHEL 2nd Stage, K G Main Road, R R Nagar Bangalore - 560098, have permanently changed my name from **SOWBHAGYALAKSHMI SRIDHAR** to **SOUBHAGYA LAKSHMI SRIDHAR**, vide affidavit dated 10/08/2024, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAIR ANJALI CHANDRASEKHARAN** daughter of **CHANDRASEKHARAN NAIR**, resident H3, 98/4, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560068 have changed my name to **NAIR ANJALI** Vide affidavit dated 10-08-2024 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I. D Jayalakshmi, (Aadhar no. 825112086673) W/o Late D. Srinivasulu, aged about 37 years, residing at # 106, 6th A Main Road, JC Nagar, Karnataka - 560086. I declare that below mentioned my husband's both names **D Sreenivasulu** S/o **D Munaswamy** and **M. Srinivasan,** S/o. **Munaswamy** both the names are one and the same person., vide affidavit dated 2/7/2024 sworn to before Aruna.V advocate and notary Bangalore.

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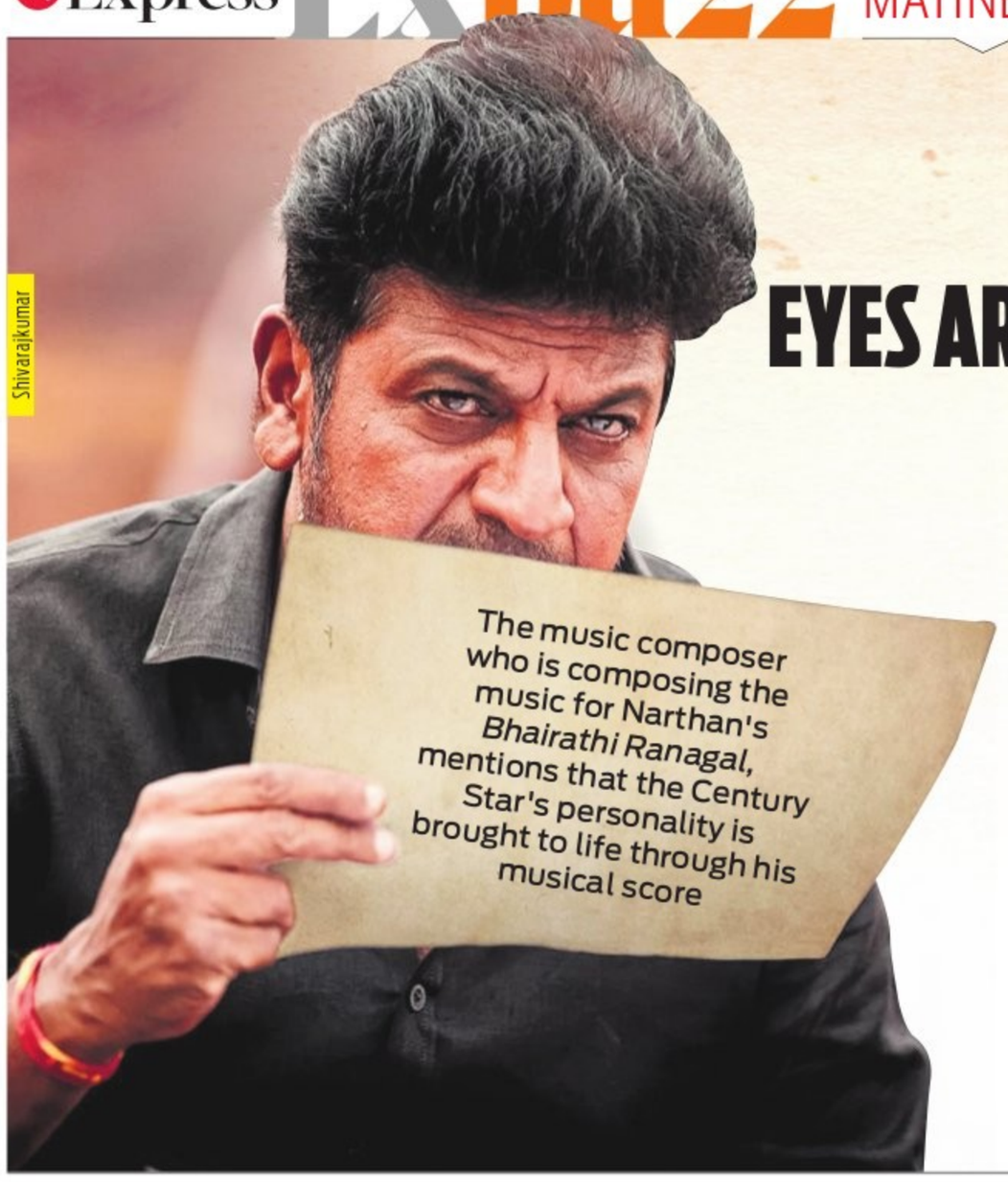
The music composer who is composing the music for Narthan's Bhairathi Ranagal, mentions that the Century Star's personality is brought to life through his musical score
Shivarajkumar

SHIVARAJKUMAR'S EYES ARE INCREDIBLY EXPRESSIVE: RAVI BASRUR

A SHARADHAA

RAVI Basrur, the in-demand music director, is juggling multiple high-profile projects, including Prashanth Neel's upcoming film with Jr. NTR. Currently engrossed in the re-recording process for the much-anticipated *Bhairathi Ranagal*, starring Shivarajkumar and directed by Narthan, Ravi's musical prowess is once again in the spotlight. The prequel to the blockbuster *Mufti*, Bhairathi Ranagal has been generating immense buzz, and its recently released title track, available on Anand Audio, has further heightened anticipation.

The song showcases Shivarajkumar in a powerful avatar reminiscent of his iconic role in Mufti. Penned by Kinnal Raja and voice rendered by Santhosh Venky, the track has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm from fans.

In an exclusive interview with *CE*, Ravi Basrur, composing music for his first full-fledged Shivarajkumar film, shared insights into his approach. "When composing for a film, understanding the director's vision and the actors' essence is paramount," he says. "For *Bhairathi Ranagal*, a prequel to *Mufti*, we had to capture the original film's essence while crafting a new world. Shivarajkumar's larger-than-life persona needed to be celebrated. The title track, designed with his fans in mind, maintains the film's mystique." Elaborating on the title track, Ravi explains, "It highlights Shivarajkumar's charisma without revealing too much. His eyes are incredibly expressive, and we've emphasized this through the background score."

Ravi Basrur has composed three songs, each meticulously crafted to enhance specific moments in the film. "Typically, songs in a film help convey elements of the story that can't be fully explained through dialogue. However, Narthan employs music as a powerful tool to elevate the storytelling. Each song is integral to the plot, rather than a mere break," he shares. He adds that the remaining two songs are contextually driven, significantly contributing to the film's narrative.

Produced by Geetha Pictures, *Bhairathi Ranagal* is their second venture after the successful *Vedha*. Sharing the screen with Shivarajkumar for the first time, Rukmini Vasanth plays a doctor. Bollywood actor Rahul Bose makes a noteworthy comeback to Kannada cinema, joining a talented ensemble including Gopalkrishna Deshpande and Babu Hirannaiah. Naveen Kumar handles the cinematography.

Currently in post-production, *Bhairathi Ranagal* is slated for a September release, with an official date to be announced soon.

Ravi Basrur

Colin Hanks onboard *Nobody 2*

CE FEATURES

EARLIER, we reported about Bob Odenkirk reprising his role in the sequel to 2021's *Nobody* and Sharon Stone joining the cast in a lead role. The latest addition to the cast of *Nobody 2* is Colin Hanks. Timo Tjahjanto is directing the film based on a screenplay by Derek Kolstad (Nobody), Aaron Rabin, Odenkirk himself, and Umair Aleem (Kate).

Kelly McCormick and David Leitch of 87North will come back to produce the film alongside Odenkirk and Marc Provissiero of Odenkirk Provissiero Entertainment and Braden Aftergood of Eighty Two Films.

The makers are yet to reveal plot details for the film, which will go on floors later this month. In the 2021 film, Odenkirk plays Hutch Mansell, an unassuming suburban dad with a secretive past as a deadly government assassin. When a home invasion disrupts his life, Hutch's buried rage and expertise resurface, leading him into a brutal showdown with a drug lord from Russia.

Nobody 2 is slated for an August 15, 2025, release.

Hanks' recent films include The Offer, which delves into the making of Francis Ford of Coppola's The Godfather and Peacock's limited series A Friend of the Family, alongside Anna Paquin and Jake Lacy. His upcoming projects also include James Vanderbilt's period drama *Nuremberg*, starring Russell Crowe, Michael Shannon and Rami Malek, as well as the indie rom-com *And Mrs.*

Quitting is never an option: Sharanya Shetty

... says the actor as she shares her experience working with the Golden Star, why *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi* is her big break, and more

CE FEATURES

Sharanya Shetty, who transitioned seamlessly from television to the silver screen, is poised for a major breakthrough with her upcoming film, *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*. Having showcased her talent in films like *1980*, *Naguvina Hoogala Mele*, and *Huttu Habbada Subhashayagalu*, she is confident that this new project will be her big break.

"Sharing the screen with Ganesh is a dream come true for any actor. I'm incredibly fortunate to be one of those lucky few," Sharanya Shetty gushes about her co-star in *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*. Directed by Srinivas Raju, the film also starring Malavika Nair, Rangayana Raghu, Shruti, and Sadhu Kokila among the ensemble cast, is set to release on August 15. "The scale of this project made me wonder if I was embarking on a new chapter in Kannada cinema. I'm thrilled that my profile aligned with the role, which I secured through auditions," she adds.

In *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*, Sharanya portrays Jaanu, a bold and glamorous independent woman. "Sharing a romantic song with Ganesh, the industry's evergreen romantic hero, felt like a dream come true," she laughs. Defining boldness, she says, "It's not just about attire; it's about confidence and voice. I'm excited to have stood out among 45 senior artists in this film. It's about making your presence felt," she explains.

Sharanya raves about her co-star Ganesh, calling him "incredibly energetic." She adds, "His energy is infectious, and his comic timing is impeccable, both on and off-screen. He's always quick with a joke and can adapt to any situation effortlessly. Working with Ganesh taught me the importance of 'presence of mind' while acting, and his energy is something I truly admire." The actor also commends director Srinivas Raju, known for his gritty crime drama *Dandupalya*, for his versatility. "It was surprising to see him helm a love story. He proved his ability to transcend genres and explore different storytelling styles," Sharanya observes.

Sharanya has three projects lined up, awaiting official announcements from the production houses. With a determined spirit, she aspires to celebrate her 25th year in the film industry. "The film industry is a dynamic space with constant new entries and exits," she observes. "But my passion lies here. I'm committed to overcoming challenges and striving for success. Quitting is never an option," she concludes..

A still from the film

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>
> Sharanya Shetty, actor

Beyond typical thrills, *Kabandha* discusses the dark side of modern agriculture

A SHARADHAA

KABANDHA initially presents itself as a horror thriller, but it quickly becomes apparent that its true intent is to probe the detrimental effects of pesticides, particularly those that have been banned, on farming practices and human health. Directed by Sathyanath, the film ambitiously merges the horror genre with a potent environmental message, raising pressing questions about the use of chemical fertilizers and their far-reaching impacts.

The narrative centers on Nachiketh (Prasad Vashist), an introverted young man facing profound internal and external conflicts. Nachiketh is deeply disturbed by his uncle's (Avinash) reliance on harmful pesticides on their farm, a practice that has devastating consequences for Hanuma (Kishore) and his family, who are laborers on the farm. This issue unfolds through a series of flashbacks, highlighting the toxic impact of these chemicals on their lives and health.

Sathyanath uses the horror genre not merely for shock value but as a vehicle to drive home a critical social message. While the film's initial suspense and horror elements engage viewers, the horror also takes on a symbolic role, reflecting real-world horrors of pesticide misuse. This shift from mere scares to deeper symbolic commentary is both commendable and challenging, requiring the audience to look beyond typical genre thrills and confront the serious implications of modern agricultural practices.

Prasad Vashist's portrayal of Nachiketh anchors the film with a nuanced and introspective performance. His communication of the character's internal struggle and evolving determination through subtle body language is crucial in driving the narrative forward, adding layers of complexity to his quest for justice. Kishore's role as Hanuma, a farmer grappling with the fallout of contemporary agricultural practices, adds authenticity to the film. Kishore draws on his own experiences to deliver a performance that resonates with the audience.

KABANDHA
Director: Sathyanath
Cast: Prasad Vashist, Kishore, Avinash, Chayashree, and Priyanka
RATING 3/5

The supporting cast, including Avinash, Chayashree, Manjunath, and Priyanka, contributes meaningfully to the film's depth, creating a well-rounded ensemble.

While *Kabandha* succeeds in presenting a socially conscious critique of modern farming practices, it is not without its flaws. The integration of horror elements with the environmental message is sometimes uneven, and the film's pacing may struggle to maintain momentum as it transitions from suspense to symbolic reflection. Nonetheless, the film's ambition to blend genre conventions with significant social commentary is both bold and thought-provoking.